

THE TIMES

A writer's refuge
by John Wain:
Saturday Review, p6

Paris-Bonn accord on European currency

and West Germany have agreed on how
p the proposed new European monetary
Their proposals will be put to a meeting
nce ministers in Brussels on Monday.
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Mr Vorster likely to retire from politics soon

From Our Correspondent
Cape Town, Sept 15
Mr John Vorster, the South
African Prime Minister, will go
to Pretoria next Tuesday to
attend his first Cabinet meeting
since his recent illness. But
informed observers believe he
is far from well. They believe
he is considering withdrawing
from politics.

Mr Vorster was ordered by
his doctors to rest recently and
was admitted to the Tygerberg
hospital, near Cape Town,
suffering from exhaustion and
bronchitis, according to official
bulletins. He subsequently went
home to his official Cape resi-
dence, Groote Schuur, where he
is now taking things easy.

There is a general feeling
that his days as Prime Minister
are numbered, but forecasts of
the timing of his withdrawal
vary widely. There are some
speculations that he will an-
nounce his resignation at next
week's Cabinet meeting. But the
more general view seems to be
that this will happen during
next year.

One Nationalist newspaper
has suggested that Mr Vorster
may bow out next week and
accept nomination for the state
presidency, the position of con-
stitutional head of state which
is vacant as a result of the
death of Dr N. J. Diederichs.
The Nationalist caucus is due
to meet later this month to
choose its nominee for the post.

The Nationalist Government
is known to be preparing new
constitutional proposals to
abolish the present West-
minster-style system and intro-
duce an executive presidency,
replacing the similar state
presidency.

It had previously been
thought that Mr Vorster him-
self would become the first
executive president, but the
new proposals came into force.
In view of his health, this may
no longer seem likely, but he may
take the considerably less
arduous post of the state presi-
dency which will have to be
filled until the introduction of
the new constitution.

If he resigns as Prime
Minister, whether to become
state president or to leave
public life entirely, Mr Vorster
will still have to relinquish
the leadership of the National
Party, which is the key power
position in the Nationalist
hierarchy.

His resignation would pre-
cipitate a fierce leadership
crisis in which the principal
contenders would be Mr P. W.
Botha, the Minister of Defence,
Dr Connie Mulder, Minister of
Pitru Affairs, Mr R. F. Botha,
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
and Mr S. P. Botha, the
Minister of Labour.

Mr P. W. Botha is con-
sidered to have the best chance
of success. He has used the Defence
Ministry to project the tough
image which is favoured by the
Nationalist parliamentary
caucus, which chooses the
party leader.

The immediate concern
aroused by Mr Vorster's ill-
ness is, over the Namibian
issue.

Mr Vorster: Cabinet meeting
on Tuesday.



Gracie Fields, aged 80, singing "Sally" outside Rochdale town hall yesterday to a Greater Manchester Police Band accompaniment. She is to open a theatre in her home town named after her.

Camp David talks to go on into next week

From David Cross
Washington, Sept 15

The Middle East summit at
Camp David is to continue at
least until Sunday and possibly
longer, official spokesmen for
the conference said today.

This message, relayed to
reporters by Mr Jody Powell,
the White House spokesman,
effectively quashed press
reports circulating in Cairo
that the summit was in such a
state of deadlock that Presi-
dent Sadat of Egypt had
decided to leave today.

In response to questions
from reporters, Mr Powell said
it was untrue that the summit
had been about to break up
inconclusively last night. There
had been no such crisis in the
talks, he added.

He reiterated the characteri-
zation of the talks he gave yester-
day, namely that there had
been "some progress and flexi-
bility" but that more was
required if a framework for
peace was to be achieved.

Following the custom at his
daily briefing about the pre-
vious 24 hours of talks, he
gave a synopsis of the various
high-level meetings which had
taken place since yesterday
afternoon. Late last night Mr
Menachem Begin, the Israeli
Prime Minister, had spoken
with Mr Cyrus Vance, the
Secretary of State, for about
90 minutes.

This morning President
Carter had held one of his regu-
lar foreign policy breakfasts
with his principal foreign
policy advisers.

During the morning, Presi-
dent Sadat and Mr Begin had
conferred separately with their
ministers and advisers while
President Carter and Mr Vance
spoke with Mr Moshe Dayan,
the Israeli Foreign Minister.

The fresh rounds of talks
between American and Israeli
leaders suggest that efforts are
being made by the Americans
to persuade the Israelis to be
more flexible in their approach
to the future sovereignty of the
West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
Mr Powell confirmed that
different delegations were still
working on documents setting
forth their positions, but with
any certainty when the summit
was likely to end next week.

Eclipse tonight

When the Moon rises tonight
over Britain shortly after 7 pm
and almost exactly due east it
will be well into the Eastern
shadow. Total immersion will
begin at 7.25 and end at 9.49
pm.

Scotland Yard arrests a terrorist at work in a government garage

By Stewart Tendler and
Craig Seton

One of the most wanted
members of the Baader-
Meinhof terrorist gang was
arrested in London yesterday at
a government-financed garage
training scheme where she
worked under a false name as
an instructor.

Last night Miss Astrid Proll,
aged 31, the sister of a founder
member of the German gang,
was being interviewed by mem-
bers of Scotland Yard's anti-
terrorist squad at Paddington
Green police station. West
German justice officials said
that they would apply for her
extradition.

Scotland Yard said there was
no evidence that she had been
involved in any political activi-
ties in Britain and she was not
armed when detained.

Miss Proll, who is thought to
have been living in Britain for
up to four years, was arrested
under an Aliens Order at the
London Underground's Regent
Workshop in Finchley Road,
north-west London.

More than 20 police officers,
including members of the
Special Branch, arrived in mid-
morning at the workshop, which
is organized under the Govern-
ment's Youth Opportunities
Programme.

German sources in London
said last night that Miss Proll,
suspected of being a member
of the Red Army Faction, which
succeeded the Baader-Meinhof
gang, was wanted for question-
ing in connection with several
murders for which the faction
had claimed responsibility.

A workshop employee said
Miss Proll was in one of the
classrooms when they arrived.
She was searched and then
detected her handbag and the car
on which she had been work-
ing as a supervisor and tutor
handcuffed between police she
said to apprentices: "Good-
bye. You will not see me
again."

Miss Proll, who used the
name of Hanna or Santa
Puttick at the workshop, was
described by her fellow
teachers as "a well thought
out left-winger".

Mr Vincent Wilcocks, man-
ager of the workshop, said that
she had applied for the posi-
tion as supervisor and tutor
teaching car maintenance at an
advertisement in the London
magazine, Time Out.

She had qualified for the job
with a course at the Poplar
Skill Centre in east London,
and had a City and Guilds of
London certificate in car
mechanics. She took up her
£4,000-a-year post in November
and Mr Wilcocks said: "She
was very good at her job and
all the lads liked her."

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with her all but she never dis-
cussed politics. Nobody ever
had any suspicion about her.
She had an accent and we knew
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State at the Department of
Employment, when he opened
the workshop last April. Last
night Mr Golding said he was
certain he had not met her.

Extradition proceedings, page 2

Cook's may offer £30 incentive

By Derek Harris
Commercial Editor

Thomas Cook, the travel
agents, are expected to
announce next week inducements
that would be worth more
than £30 to a customer
booking an overseas holiday.

The move is the boldest so
far in the incentives struggle
in the travel trade.

When Cook's earlier this year
decided to boost their sales
promotion activities there were
suggestions that one form of
inducement would be to hand a
customer a bag of useful holiday
items worth about £30.

Cook's reassessed their pro-
motion programme when in
April the Association of British
Travel Agents rewrote its code
of conduct, scrapping rules
restricting prices and commis-
sion levels. Since then so
many have started to offer
such inducements that car
parking at airports or vouchers
for use in duty-free shops.

Some cooperative retail
societies with travel counsellors
offer £1 vouchers in one case
for every £10 spent on holiday
bookings. The vouchers are
valid in their stores.

It remains to be seen how far
the Cook's scheme falls foul, as
did some of the cooperative
societies, of anti-inducement
clauses in some travel
operators' contracts.

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Horizon Midland group and the
Bradford-based Etasud ban
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SWP alleged to influence Anti-Nazi League

By Robert Parker

There is growing concern
that the Anti-Nazi League, sup-
port for whose campaign
against the National Front and
racism has grown remarkably
in the past 12 months, is being
unduly influenced by the
Trotskyist Socialist Workers'
Party (SWP).

Those who express concern
suspect that the SWP may be
trying to use the league, in
which hundreds of middle-of-
the-road organizations and in-
dividuals have become affiliated,
for its own purposes.

The league rejects that sug-
gestion emphatically. Its leaders
feel that they have enough on
their hands in trying to coun-
teract the growth of racism
without having to defend them-
selves against "what they see as
unfounded and damaging
attacks."

Concern about the SWP's
alleged undue involvement in
the league is being expressed
by the Board of Deputies of
British Jews, which the SWP
and the league acknowledge has
done invaluable work in coun-
teracting the National Front, and
by some people closely involved
with the league.

MORE
That concern was demon-
strated last week when the
Federation of Conservative
Students, which has 15,000
members, ended its alliance
with the league. Mr Edward
Longworth, its chairman, said
that the league was not the
broadly based organization it
said it was.

Dr Jacob Gewirtz, who heads
the research department of
the board of deputies, which
monitors the extreme left and
the extreme right, says he is
convinced that the league was
the brainchild of the SWP and
that the party "has other fish
to fry."

He cites articles in left-wing
newspapers, which, he says,
clearly indicate that the
papers include Socialist Chal-
lenge, for the International
Marxist Group, which con-
gratulated the SWP about the
league, and News Line, for the
Workers' Revolutionary Party,
which criticized the SWP and
the league and accused it of
being "Zionist".

In a recent talk Dr Gewirtz
said: "The league has been on
the planning board of the SWP
for some two years. So impor-
tant is it to the SWP that its
members have been seconded to
it."

Although it even
encourages others to join the
league, the SWP exercises tight
control over the leadership.

He told The Times that al-
though he had no doubt that
the league was opposed to the
growth of fascism, the board
could not support it because
of its domination by the SWP.
He described the SWP as "one
of the most virulent and aggres-
sive anti-Zionist, anti-Israel
movements in the world."

The league had no democratic
structure, he added, and it was
open to control by the SWP.
"The league's tactics reflect the
aims of the SWP. The declared
purpose of the SWP is to win
power through the seizure of
transfer that power from the
democratic institutions like Par-
liament to popular Soviets."

Some Labour MPs on the
league's steering committee
have warned the SWP against
trying to use the league. That
came after an incident at a
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Inflation up slightly

ease in mortgage interest rates
helped costs for motoring and
carried contributed to a rise of 0.7
it in prices last month. On an
ed basis over six months the
was 9.6 per cent, against 9.1
the previous month. The overall
retail prices has now practically
since January, 1974. Page 17

pitals threatened

hospitals may be forced to close,
for emergencies, on Monday
of industrial action by main-
tenance workers in support of a pay
he men met the Minister of State
Department of Health and Social
but no peace formula emerged
Page 2

ator rebuffed

ussions are furious with Senator
Kennedy for divulging the
ce of his talks with President
av. Pravda has poured cold water
senator's claim that 18 families
be allowed to emigrate as a result
"quicker diplomacy" Page 5

tt beats Rono

Overt, the European 1,500 metres
on from Brighton, last night
ed on the world's best time over
diles during the floodlit athletics
at Crystal Palace with a time of
13.5sec in the process defeating
Rono of Kenya Page 15

Mr Smith says farmers must go it alone

Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister,
told farmers in Umtali who begged help
against guerrillas they said had "complete
control" of some areas that no more
troops could be spared. There was little
response as he said that Rhodesia's only
remaining course was to make the internal
settlement work. Page 4

Fifth typhoid case

A fifth passenger from the Russian cruise
ship Litva, a woman from Bedford, has
typhoid, it was confirmed. The Port of
London Authority is due to serve a sum-
mons on the ship's master when it docks
at Tilbury. Page 3

Social workers' union

Two decisions at the British Association
of Social Workers' annual meeting, one to
form a separate trade union, the other to
open membership to unqualified social
workers, were cheered by delegates Page 4

Commons check: Safety checks have started after workmen found blue asbestos in the Chamber of the House

Front members jailed: Five members or
associates of the National Front were each
jailed for three years for attacking two
West Indians Page 3

Fresh plea to strikers

Shop stewards at Leyland's Scottish truck
and tractor plant at Bathgate have made
a fresh appeal to machinists to end their
six-week strike. Workers are expected to
hear on Monday that the company is
making drastic cuts in its investment plans
for Bathgate. Page 17

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efits and taxation

Liberals reject referendums as part of constitution

From George Clark
Political Correspondent
Southport

The Liberal Party Assembly
at Southport yesterday rejected
by 273 votes to 220 a proposal
that the party should campaign
for referendums to be a per-
manent part of the British con-
stitution as a means of extend-
ing and sustaining the demo-
cratic process.

The motion, backed by seven
constituencies, associations and
one regional group, proposed
that referendums should be
used to determine questions of
a constitutional nature and that
the right to call for one should
be vested in a government or to Par-
liament.

The suggestion was that if a
sizable proportion of the elec-
torate demanded a vote on a
particular issue it should be
held. The arrangements would
be supervised by an independent
commission.

Superficially the motion
seemed to be in line with tradi-
tional Liberal policy but the
argument was won by those
who maintained that refer-
endums could be manipulated
and abused by governments
and politicians who found
themselves in difficulties.

In fact, the motion that was
rejected resembled in many
ways the proposal put forward
earlier this week by a Con-
servative Party committee
under the chairmanship of Mr
Nicholas Edwards, MP for
Pembroke and a front bench
spokesman on Welsh affairs,
which had been asked to look
at the possibility of the in-
creased use of referendums by
Mrs Thatcher, the party leader.
Mrs Thatcher "set up" the
working group after she had
been criticized a year ago for
suggesting that a future Con-
servative government which
found itself in confrontation
with the trade unions would
appeal for support from the
electorate through a referen-
dum.

As it happened, the Con-
servative working party was
doubtful about the use of a
referendum in such circum-

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Extradition of Baader-Meinhof woman suspect may be applied for at Bow Street court today

By Staff Reporters

Herr Dietrich Rahn, the chief public prosecutor of Frankfurt, said last night that an application for the extradition of the woman suspect, Astrid Proll, a suspected member of the Red Army Faction arrested by Scotland Yard in London yesterday, would shortly be made through the usual channels.

His office would supply British authorities with documentary evidence to back the request, he said.

Scotland Yard said it was likely that an application for extradition would be made at Bow Street Magistrates' Court this morning.

The arrest is understood to have been the result of ordinary police work rather than informant from West Germany. Where Miss Proll had been living in London, remained unknown last night. Mr Vincent Willocks, manager of the garage training centre where she was arrested, said: "We did not have a full address for her. We did not consider it right to delve into our employees' private lives."

He said she had lived in a shared house somewhere off Green Lanes, Haringey, before

that she had lived in a licensed "squat" in the Kentish Town district.

Another colleague said she had recently moved to the Stoke Newington district; a third said she lived somewhere near Crouch End in north London.

Mr Willocks described her as a "tomboy type" with short, curly hair, good-looking, and about 5ft 3in tall.

She never talked about sex, religion or politics, he said.

"She was an ardent woman's libber, as she would have to be the job in the first place. But she never spoke of anything at all controversial."

"She was very pleasant and sociable on a superficial basis, but it was impossible to really get to know her. She never talked about Germany and I thought she came from Austria."

"I often asked her why she was a mechanic and she said it was because she liked engines."

"She did not seem to have any friends although she was friendly with a number of women. We did not try to pry into her social life. She did a good job. As far as we were concerned that was enough."

"I am surrounded that she is a suspected terrorist. She is the sort of girl who would go out of her way to help people rather than harm them."

Patricia Clough writes from Bonn: A photographer by profession, Astrid Proll helped Unike Meinhof to rescue Andreas Baader from imprisonment in West Berlin in 1971.

The following year she was arrested during a routine police traffic patrol and charged with the murder of two policemen shot in the rescue operation. She was released because of ill-health and sent to a hospital in the Black Forest. She attended a clinic for treatment as an outpatient, and was ordered to report daily to police. She did so for only 14 days before going underground in February 1974, and had not been seen since.

She is not thought to be part of the latest generation of terrorists wanted for such crimes as the kidnap and murder of Dr. Hans-Martin Schleyer. But unconfirmed reports suggest that police might have discovered her whereabouts thanks to a mass of terrorist documents found in a Düsseldorf flat this week.

Industrial action may close many hospitals

By Paul Routledge

Labour Editor

Fresh industrial troubles threaten to close many hospitals to all but emergency cases from next Monday. Maintenance supervisors responsible for keeping hospital equipment in working order are taking limited but potentially disruptive action in support of a pay claim.

Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State at the Department of Health and Social Security, met union leaders of the 3,200 white-collar supervisors yesterday for talks on their claim for wage increases that would lift their salaries substantially above the pay of the craftsman whose work they organize. But no peace-formula emerged.

Croydon area hospitals, in south London, may decide to refuse all but emergency admissions from Monday because of the likely impact of the supervisors' action on sterilizing and laundry equipment. Where those vital services break down they will not be maintained unless matters of life and limb are involved.

Mr Allan Black, national organiser of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians and secretary of the

appropriate Whitley Council staff side, said: "Unless the management side makes a realistic offer taking into account the recent settlements for National Health Service craftsmen we shall be forced to continue and our industrial action, however unwillingly, in view of the nature of the service and the commitment of our members to it."

The supervisors' imminent dispute has its roots in the NHS reorganisation of 1974, but the union's action was triggered by a settlement for the craft building and engineering workers earlier this year which gave big productivity bonuses on top of the maximum basic increase permitted under the government's incomes policy.

Supervisory grades claim they are earning less than the men over whom they are the first line of management. Mr Moyle yesterday asked the unions to commence a further postponement of industrial action, but that was rejected.

Unrest in the NHS is nothing new, but this is the first time higher grades of staff have taken action. Early warning was given to the Government by the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians and secretary of the

Bulgarian denial on Mr Markov

By Roger Berthoud

The Bulgarian authorities had nothing to do with the death of Mr Georgi Markov, the defector who believed he had been jabbed with the poisoned tip of an umbrella, a Bulgarian diplomat assured the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London yesterday.

Mr Valeri Pchelintsev, Minister-Counsellor at the Bulgarian mission in London, called at the ministry to express his government's concern at what he described as attacks on Bulgaria in the British media and at the effect they might have on his country's relations with Britain.

He was assured that the ministry shared his hope that Anglo-Bulgarian relations would not be adversely affected by the case.

By a coincidence, Lord Corcoran-Roberts, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was in Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, on an official visit yesterday, the national day of Bulgaria's state security services.

In Bulgarian emigre circles little appears to be known about whether these security services engage in clandestine operations abroad. But it is thought unlikely that any such operations would be intensified at a time when Bulgaria is trying to improve its image abroad.

Blood samples: Dr Rufus Crompton, a Home Office pathologist, said last night that scientists at the Porton Down germ warfare centre were examining blood samples taken from Mr Markov before and after death (The Press Association reports).

Dr Crompton, who performed a post-mortem examination on Tuesday, added: "I shall be looking at the body organs under the microscope on Monday to confirm my written statement that there was no natural disease."

"I also want to see if there was any damage to the organs which might be due to poison of some sort."

He said that doctors at St James' Hospital, Epsom, London, had treated Mr Markov for blood poisoning. "He had a high fever and his blood pressure went right down. His kidneys stopped secreting urine and all this was suggestive of shock due to a virus toxin," he said.

Radio Free Europe, the American-financed station which broadcasts Mr Markov's scripts to East Europe, yesterday countered suggestions that Mr Markov might have been murdered because he had been attacking President Zhivkov of Bulgaria.

From its Munich headquarters Mr James Brown, the station's deputy director, said that President Zhivkov was not a "hit man" who would send out "hit men" to silence Markov.

The last Georgi Markov Speaks programme was transmitted on Monday night, the day of his death.

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Unionist parties in secret talks on rapprochement

From Christopher Walker

A concerted attempt is under way among "loyalist" leaders in Northern Ireland to resolve the differences between the three main Unionist parties and prevent a potentially damaging split in the majority Protestant vote at the next general election.

To the embarrassment of the politicians involved, it was disclosed yesterday that two secret meetings have taken place in recent weeks between Mr Harry West, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, and Mr Ernest Birt, leader of the United Ulster Party. Although differences of approach still remain, further talks are



Raising the roof: Engineers using hydraulic jacks yesterday began the delicate task of raising the roof of the Wimbledon Centre Court stand to help to create space for 1,100 additional seats. The roof, which weighs 350-tons and is 220 yards long, is being raised by more than three feet.

Police study Liberal club report

By Stewart Tisdler

Crime Reporter

Detectives investigating allegations concerning homosexuality and financial matters at the National Liberal Club are examining a report on the club prepared last year by a firm of management consultants.

Members of New Scotland Yard's serious crimes squad saw members of the firm on Thursday and next week they are to be given a report on the club's finances which was prepared last year by accountants but not published.

The management consultants will also give the detectives a

detailed report of the situation at the club when they were called in. That may include allegations made to them by a former member of staff who said he had been "struck by" another.

Detectives have spoken with people at the annual conference of the Liberal Party at Southport. Yesterday Scotland Yard said that they had also been to Bolton, Greater Manchester, to speak to a man there.

In the past two days Mr Andrew Newton, the former airline pilot imprisoned for a shooting incident involving Mr

Union wants own tests on smallpox building

From Arthur Osney

Birmingham

Members of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs will not work in the building that houses the laboratory suspected as the source of the Birmingham smallpox outbreak until the union's experts are satisfied about safety precautions.

Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of ASTMS, complained yesterday that his members were working in a "killer" laboratory. They were in the front line, working on behalf of the public and were the people most exposed to "microbiological predators."

"If our members are not protected, the public is not protected either. Work of this sort is not for the faint of heart," he said. Regardless of the official investigation ordered by Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, the east wing of Birmingham University Medical School would not reopen until the union was certain it had been adequately cleaned and protected.

Mr Jenkins said his union would be claiming damages concerning the death of Mr Janet Parker, a member, and would also pursue a claim on behalf of her mother, Mrs Hilda Witcomb, who is in isolation suffering from the disease.

The union would also claim recompense from the vice-chancellor and court of governors as employers on behalf of 100 other members who had been affected in various ways.

Mr Ennals said in Birmingham yesterday after hearing of union criticism of the investigation he had ordered: "I would be surprised if, in the presence of observers from the TUC and the Health and Safety Executive, the panel could do a cover up; it is just not on."

The investigation is being led by Professor R. A. Shooter, Dean of St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, London. Other members of the committee are: Professor Sir David Evans, former director, National Institute of Biological Standards and Control; Mr R. McLeod, senior technical officer, Public Health Laboratory Service; Sir Robert Williams, director of the Health and Safety Commission; Dr David Tyrrell, member of the dangerous pathogens advisory group; and Dr Christopher Booth, director of the National Public Health Service, Northwick Park Hospital, London.

Mr Jenkins said ASTMS regretted not being represented in the Shooter committee. "We would have hoped that the academic and medical profession would have shared our view that there is a need for them not to close ranks but to open everything up to the public."

He said the last smallpox inquiry, in 1973, into an outbreak in London, had been handled well by a lawyer. An ASTMS expert had been on it. In the present case the union would have preferred a judge or QC as chairman.

Mr Ennals emphasized later he had ordered an investigation and not a public inquiry, as was held in 1973.

Gale-damaged hovercraft moved for repair

The Princess Anne, British Rail's hovercraft, was moved to Calais for repairs last night after a gale damaged the craft's skirt on a Boulogne to Dover run. The craft was earlier beached at Wissant, between Gris Nez and Calais.

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In brief

Nursing home under inquiry

Thirty-six old people in two nursing homes in Wiltshire, Wiltshire, were taken into the care of county council home yesterday at the request of police, who have been investigating the running of the homes.

Chief Supt. Fred Hodgson said last night investigation, which is about 24 police officers, is continuing with a coroner's inquest at Newport this morning.

Smelter death investigation

Inspectors from the Health and Safety Executive yesterday to start an investigation into the deaths of three men who died at a steelworks at head, Tyne and Wear, on day.

Part of the steelwork, maintained sealed off. Recovery of the bodies of the men, who were working on the steelwork, was expected today, when smelter area will be open to enter.

'Life' for bomber

Ian Milne, aged 24, a dandy, once one of the most wanted by the Royal Constabulary, was jailed for life for the murder of Robert Scott, aged 28, a booby-trap bomb.

Ambulancemen ban

Ambulancemen in South Wales, returned yesterday after a week's strike. Proposals to reduce their pay will be deferred to a joint working group to view manning levels at ambulance stations.

Air bases inquiry

The Government is to an inquiry into the nine old dispute over piecework for steelworkers building craft shelters at the Air bases of Woodbridge, Woburn, Lakenheath and Bury, in East Anglia.

North Sea rescue

The three-man crew of Vol, cargo ship, were rescued in the North Sea yesterday after a motor launch carrying them was hit by a heavy sea. They abandoned ship after water entered engine room.

Arthur Askey 'chippy'

Mr Arthur Askey, the comedian, aged 73, who suffered a mild heart attack on Thursday, was his usual chippy self, daughter Anthea said yesterday after visiting him in hospital at Midhurst, Sussex.

Seamen file claim

The National Union of Seamen yesterday presents a claim for substantially basic pay, more leave and proved overtime, and was to get a reply on Oct 24.

Race group 'influenced by the SWP'

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National Union of Teachers conference in Blackpool. The league organised a meeting to address delegates. Mr Martin Flannery, MP for Sheffield, Hillsborough, was supposed to address the meeting, but he refused to do so when he found Mr Tariq Ali and members of the SWP on the platform.

There is also concern about more than 350 branches of the league that have been formed. They will elect delegates to decision-making conferences once those have been organized after the general election.

One person close to the league says that many of the branches have been formed by the SWP. As a result, the SWP will have great influence on the conference decisions.

The league was formed after a meeting at the House of Commons on November 8 last. But the idea of establishing a body which would attempt to counter racism and fascism after the local elections in 1976, in which the National Front obtained 119,000 votes.

Meetings took place between Mr Paul Hollnagel, a member of the House of Commons and now organizing secretary of the league, Mr Peter Hain, and Mr Ernest Roberts, a trade union official who is a prospective parliamentary candidate for the Labour Party.

At the House of Commons, meeting a steering committee was elected, including the three people just mentioned and Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour MP for Bedwelly. Mr Flannery, Mrs Audrey Wise, Labour MP for Coventry, South-West, Mr Maurice Ludmer, editor of the magazine Searchlight, Mr Nigel Harris, a senior university lecturer and member of the SWP, Mr William Dunn, a prominent member of the Communist Party, Miss Miriam Kariakou, the actress, and Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover.

Since then the league has grown quickly. It organized a carol pageant in London on April 30 which marched from central London into the East End and attracted at least 80,000 people.

It has got many well known people to lend it support. They include Mr Brian Clough, the football manager, Mr Johnnie Rotten, the rock musician, Mr Larry Adler, the musician, the Right Rev Trevor Huddleston, Miss Glenda Jackson, Mr Tom Stoppard and Mr Dave Allen.

Mr Gwiltz acknowledges that the league has gained support for anti-racism in sections of the community where it did not exist before.

Mr Hollnagel strongly denies that the league is a front for the SWP.

Asbestos found in Commons

By Michael Hatfield

Political Reporter

Dangerous blue asbestos has been found in the Chamber of the House of Commons during routine maintenance, it was disclosed last night. MPs are being informed.

The Department of the Environment said there was an evidence that the asbestos was present while the Commons was sitting. The material was disturbed while workmen were busy in the roof.

A thorough check is taking place to ensure there are no safety risks when the new parliamentary session starts next month.

An assurance has also been sent to House of Commons staff.

An official said last night: "There is evidence of minute quantities of blue asbestos having entered the Chamber, probably from the roof. The system was not in operation because the House was not in session."

A statement said that white asbestos, used as insulation in the ventilation ducts which service most of the House, including the Chamber, was being replaced with an asbestos-free material.

"Recent tests have shown a small amount of asbestos in the air supply ducts and in the Chamber itself but at levels well below the permitted hygiene standard," it said.

A departmental official agreed that the level of asbestos in the Commons while MPs were in session could not be known because there was no reason to carry out monitoring.

Plaid Cymru puts £100m price on its three votes

Plaid Cymru, which has rejected any possibility of a pact with the Government, has told the Prime Minister that it expects £100m for Wales in the Queen's Speech. If the party is to abstain or support the Administration in any vote of confidence it may face.

The party's three votes have a new importance now the Lib-Lab pact has been ended.

Plaid Cymru MPs are looking for "bankable commodities" rather than imprecise promises if they are to continue tending to favour the Government in the divisions. A letter to Mr Callaghan says that the party will expect a £100m package of specific measures to tackle unemployment in Wales, which is higher than in England.

Ulster European poll plan

By Our Political Reporter

Draft proposals laying down how direct elections in Northern Ireland to the European Parliament were published in a White Paper yesterday.

An important difference from the rest of the United Kingdom is that the contest for the three seats in the province will be

fought on the single transferable vote system rather than first past the post. It is hoped that by that method, although it is not stated, the minority community will secure one seat in the European Parliament.

The draft proposals have been published as a basis for consultation with the political parties and other interested bodies.

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Company to pay \$500,000 over imitation jeans

A London company, Nolton Management Services, has agreed to a settlement involving a payment of \$500,000 (about £265,000) to Levi Strauss after an inquiry into imitation jeans. It has also agreed to abide by a court order prohibiting the manufacture or sale of imitation Levi jeans or infringing of the company's trademark. Legal actions are pending in Belgium, The Netherlands, Switzerland and Hongkong.

Counterfeiting activities were discovered by Levi Strauss after an investigation that led to the seizure of more than 125,000 pairs of jeans.

Explosions wreck bungalow

Two gas explosions on Thursday night wrecked a house which did not have a gas supply, and injured a fireman. The first explosion, caused by a leaking main under the pavement outside a bungalow at Whitehaven, Cumbria, started a fire.

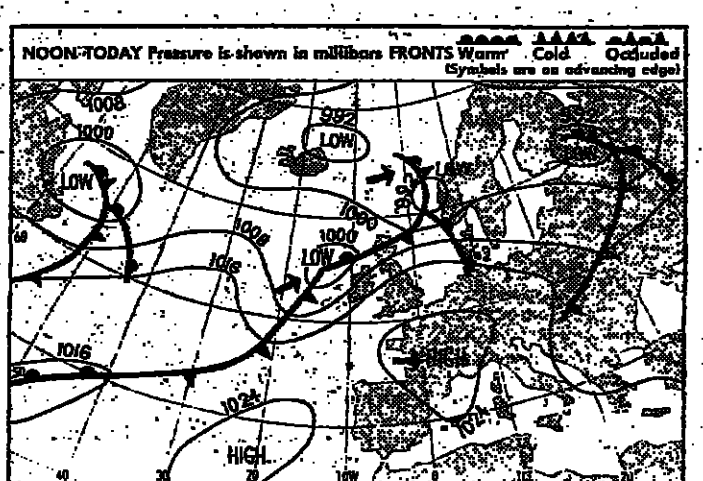
The owner, Mr William Mawson, his wife and daughter were inside. The second explosion was more than three hours later, at 10 pm.

School admits girls

Girls were admitted to the main school at Kimbolton, near Huntingdon, yesterday for the first time since it was founded in 1600. The first intake is of 20 girls, some from the public school's preparatory department.

Blue Peter choice: Mr Christopher Wren, aged 23, is to be the new presenter of the BBC television programme Blue Peter. He replaces Mr John Neakes, who left at the end of the last series.

Weather forecast and recordings



NOON-TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars. FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded. Symbols are as accompanying table.

Today: Sun rises: 6:38 am. Sun sets: 7:12 pm. Moon sets: 5:59 am. Moon rises: 7:17 pm. Full moon: 8:1 pm. Lighting up: 7:44 pm to 6:8 am. High water: London Bridge, 1.59 am, 7.1m (23.7ft); 2.45 pm, 7.2m (23.7ft); 7.40 am, 6.3m (20.7ft); 8.1 pm, 14.3m (46.9ft). Dover, 12.25 am, 6.9m (22.8ft); 4.49 pm, 6.2m (20.3ft). Hull, 6.45 am, 7.6m (25.0ft); 6.53 pm, 7.6m (25.0ft). Liverpool, 11.39 am, 9.5m (31.2ft); 11.56 pm, 9.5m (31.2ft).

Tomorrow: Sun rises: 6:38 am. Sun sets: 7:12 pm. Moon sets: 5:59 am. Moon rises: 7:17 pm. Last quarter: September 24. Lighting up: 7:42 pm to 6:10 am. High water: London Bridge, 2.48 am, 7.4m (24.3ft); 3.4 pm, 7.3m (23.9ft). Avonmouth, 8.27 am, 13.8m (45.4ft); 8.45 pm, 14.3m (46.9ft). Dover, 12.9 pm, 7.1m (23.3ft). Hull, 7.1 am, 7.9m (25.9ft); 7.3 am, 7.7m (25.4ft). Liverpool, 12.23 pm, 7.1m (23.3ft).

Orkney, Shetland: Mostly cloudy, a few bright intervals, occasional rain; wind, strong or gale force; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Outlook due weekend: Rain in S tomorrow, then mostly dry, sunny showers in N; mostly dry, sunny showers, rather warm.

Strait of Dover: Wind W fresh or strong; sea moderate, occasionally rough.

Yesterday: London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 22°C (72°F); min 7 pm to 7 am, 12°C (54°F). Humidity 7 pm, 68 per cent; 24hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun 24hr to 7 pm, 6.3hr. Mean sea level, 7 pm, 1.022.7 millibars, rising.

30-day forecast: The Meteorological Office yesterday issued the following forecast for the next 30 days:

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; b, thunder.

London	18	W	100	Drizzle	Nice	15	W	100	Drizzle
Birmingham	17	W	100	Drizzle	Bale	14	W	100	Drizzle
Manchester	16	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	13	W	100	Drizzle
Cardiff	15	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	12	W	100	Drizzle
Belfast	14	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	11	W	100	Drizzle
Edinburgh	13	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	10	W	100	Drizzle
Glasgow	12	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	9	W	100	Drizzle
Sheffield	11	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	8	W	100	Drizzle
Nottingham	10	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	7	W	100	Drizzle
Leeds	9	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	6	W	100	Drizzle
Bradford	8	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	5	W	100	Drizzle
York	7	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	4	W	100	Drizzle
Sheff	6	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	3	W	100	Drizzle
Nottingham	5	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	2	W	100	Drizzle
Leeds	4	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	1	W	100	Drizzle
Bradford	3	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	0	W	100	Drizzle
York	2	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	-1	W	100	Drizzle
Sheff	1	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	-2	W	100	Drizzle
Nottingham	0	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	-3	W	100	Drizzle
Leeds	-1	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	-4	W	100	Drizzle
Bradford	-2	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	-5	W	100	Drizzle
York	-3	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	-6	W	100	Drizzle
Sheff	-4	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	-7	W	100	Drizzle
Nottingham	-5	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	-8	W	100	Drizzle
Leeds	-6	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	-9	W	100	Drizzle
Bradford	-7	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	-10	W	100	Drizzle
York	-8	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	-11	W	100	Drizzle
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Sheff	-24	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	-27	W	100	Drizzle
Nottingham	-25	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	-28	W	100	Drizzle
Leeds	-26	W	100	Drizzle	Stockholm	-29	W	100	Drizzle
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And now, as he closed the lid of the box-file and moved away from his desk, Giles Hermitage abandoned his pathetic attempt at steady happiness. Even then their partnership lacked the final seal of legitimacy, it had been very like an idyllic marriage. And Harriet had never

Harriet had been Giles's mistress for seven years. During that time they had been, or so she had confidently supposed, steadily happy. Except that their partnership lacked the final seal of legitimacy, it had been very like an idyllic marriage. And Harriet had never

trenches of pain. He and she had spent most Saturdays and Sundays together. They had prepared food and argued and laughed and wrangled and made love. Sometimes he had slept at her flat, a mile away; sometimes she had slept at his; sometimes they had spent the

voice over the wire was even cooler than her words on the page. "I shan't change... so don't hope." It had happened a month ago, and so far he had made no progress at all towards healing.

For the 10,000th time, Giles wondered why she had done

the opener ready beside them. A frugal lunch for a frugal man. Suddenly, Giles saw himself clearly as what he was: middle-aged, entering the last 20 years of his life, wedged immovably beyond all hope of change. Harriet had been his last throw at happiness, and

lied: the thought was absurd but undeniable. Was Harriet going to roll him in shit, as well as break his heart? No, no, he would go on living, with how ever little zest, rather than be so humiliated.

Then he remembered something else he had read: that

This last piece of self-advice left Giles with only one possible course of action. Moodily, he

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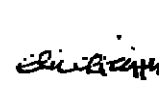


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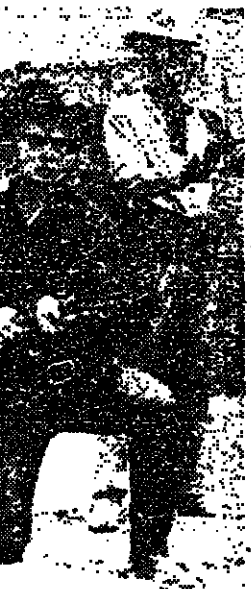
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WEEKEND Broadcasting

edited by PETER DAVALLE

TURDAY

PERSONAL CHOICE



Brynner and Steve... who make up the... (BBC 1)

is to one of these social... that tend to bring... arts closer together... does not seem a great... difference these days... the rattle-dance at the... of the Proms... (9.00) and that at a... title fight (ITV, 9.00)... ply these two great... are being beamed at... as at one and the same... For my part, Sir... Groves and the BBC... my will win out over... Ali and Spinks, but it... been an easy decision... One solution, of... would be to watch the... hile listening to the... transmission from the... but the punning and... of Suite might not... me too well. To make... worse, there is the... al Truffaut film (BBC 2... play out at the same... id there is also a... of sorts between... though The... cent Seven (BBC 1... ould exert a marginally... pull than ITV's How... st Was Won (7.15)... best quality chat on... ight, if previous... ys are anything to go... id be A Word in... ys (Radio 4, 10.15)... the 45-minute... nne in which Brian... a contents: a team of... and then proceeds to... good as he takes. It... is ahead of Stop the... Radio 4, 6.50) in which... n, too many people... hard to be too arch.

BBC 1

9.00 am, Ragtime: dolls enter... (r).
9.15, Scooby Doo: cartoons... (r).
9.35, Why Don't You...? : hints on how to fill your spare time (r).
10.00, Cut and Thrust: the art of fencing (r).
10.25, Film: Sandra (1953), starring Cornel Wilde, Mel Ferrer, Rita Gam. Romantic adventure yarn about a Berber girl who thinks she has the evil eye.
11.50, Charlie Chaplin: The

BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University (until 11.00): Early industrial town; 8.05, Work study at Hoover Ltd; 8.30, Golden age of work; 8.55, Production systems; 9.20, Maths; generalized integration; 9.45, Simulation models; 10.10, Things present time past; 10.35, Transformer core materials.
11.10, Liberal Party Assembly: the final session from South-

Rounders, in which Chaplin and Fatty Arbuckle play husbands.
12.15 pm, Bugs Bunny: Have Devil Here cartoon.
12.30, Grandstand: Today's items include: 12.35, Football focus; 1.00, International Rugby Union (New Zealand v Australia); 1.15, Racing; 1.40, 2.10 and 2.40, Racing; 2.55, Goodwood; 3.00, 2.25, 2.55 and 4.15, The Davis Cup; 3.55, Rugby League (Widnes v Leeds); 4.40, Final score.
5.10, Tom and Jerry: Neapolitan Mouse.

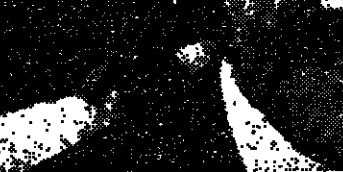
port, with, at 11.15 'Mr Steel's speech.
12.40 pm, Open University (until 3.35): Three families: Jerusalem; 1.05, Music-formal analysis; 1.30, Waltham Forest; 1.55, Fast reactor fuel processing; 2.20, Colour television (2); 2.45, Circadian rhythms (1); 3.10, James Bond (7).
3.50, FILM: The Phantom of the Opera (1969). Cartoon

5.20, News, with Kenneth Kendall.
5.35, Noel Edmund's Lucky Numbers: studio show in which viewers at home can participate. There is magic and a mystery guest.
6.30, Dr Who: part 3 of The Ribos Operation. Danger from space beams.
6.55, Film: The Magnificent Seven (1960): professional gunfighters versus marauding bandits. Y. Brynner, Steve McQueen, Eli Wallach head a powerful cast.
9.00, Last Night of the Proms: The second half of one of the

big musical occasions of the year. You can also hear it on Radio 3 (see Personal Choice).
10.05, News, with Kenneth Kendall.
10.15, Match of the Day: one of today's Football League fixtures. Also, John Motson and Barry Davies present soccer reports from the South and the North-East.
11.15, Parkinson: with Peter Cook and Dudley Moore.
12.15 am, Weather.
SCOTLAND: 10.15-10.45, Sports scene and 10.45-11.15, McCalman's plus...

about a boy and a magic telephone kiosk.
5.15, Horizon: US documentary about man's ambition to reach the Moon.
6.05, Play Sport: how to trampolines; 6.30, News and Sport.
6.45, Sixth Leeds International Piano Competition: the last three soloists play a concerto and the winner is announced. Part one.

further adventures of the pioneering MacArthur family.
9.00, International Boxing: will Muhammad Ali regain his crown from Leon Spinks? The big fight from New Orleans (see Personal Choice).
10.00, News.
10.15, Saturday Drama: You're a Good Boy, Son (by C. P. Taylor). After 10 years, a journalist (Alec Heggie) returns to Glasgow. The changes he finds



Dickie Davies who presents today's edition of World of Sport (ITV 12.30, until 5.30)

London Weekend

8.50 am, The Saturday Banana: a real, and mechanical, Bill Oddie.
9.00, Sesame Street: with the Muppets.
9.45, Saturday Banana: part two.
11.15, Liberal Party Assembly: Gordon Burns introduces live coverage.
12.30 pm, World of Sport:

FILMS ON TV

Today the BBC continues its Truffaut season with Jules et Jim (BBC, 9.00), the director's most popular film, a bitter-sweet review of the joys and burdens of love experienced by three friends through the years before and after the First World War. At 6.55 on BBC1, there is The Magnificent Seven, Kurosawa's Seven Samurai translated to Old Mexico. Michael Curtiz's The Breaking Point (BBC2, 11.55) was not the most chilling of late forie thrillers, but one can be grateful for John Garfield and Patricia Neal. In the afternoon, very grown-up children may enjoy Chac Jones's sophisticated allegorical feature cartoon, The Phantom of the Opera (BBC2, 8.50).
The BBC is into pseudo-biographical saga. Debbie Rey-

nolds is spunky in The Unsinkable Molly Brown (tomorrow, BBC1, 1.55), a musical based on a real lady who thrust her way from the backwoods into early-century Denver society. The Boultings 1949 Fame is the story of a left-wing politician, said to be based on Ramsay MacDonald. Jennifer Jones is Ruby Gentry in King Vidor's flamboyant melodrama of ambition, passion, revenge and a girl who comes from over the tracks (Friday, BBC1, 10.45).
Tomorrow there is the 1969 all-star heavyweight contest, Battle of Britain (BBC1, 8.05); and at 10.30 on BBC2, Little Murders, Alan Ayckworth's black 1971 comedy about urban violence, from a Jules Feiffer script.

DAVID ROBINSON

SUNDAY

PERSONAL CHOICE



Mr Hilary (left) and Janine Duvitski in tonight's play Alphabetical Order (ITV, 9.25)

ing that happens in tonight's play Alphabetical Order (25), happens outside the library of a provincial morning paper. A new assistant arrives. She meekly surveys the files it all up, and also sorts out the emotional problems that seem to spend most of their time in the library. In fact that the play carries Michael Frayn's signature tell you that the play exists on another level too, and setting is almost incidental to the warning that, if you sipping with disorder, a grimmer alternative—the a of tidy reality—could await you. Once the 's past its theatrical opening, it is fun practically all the it is very well cast indeed.

s could be forgiven for thinking that the hectic events of the past few weeks might almost have been engineered by London Weekend so that when Weekend (ITV, noon) returned from its summer recess, it would banquet of topics to set before Brian Walden. Strange to say, it is from only one dish that Mr Walden will feast the Peugeot-Chrysler affair.

if you totally disapprove of sport, I think you will find engage, and hold your attention in tonight's Everyman The Inner Game (BBC 1, 10.25). It is inner because, ag to sportsmen like Jackie Stewart, Arthur Ashe, Mike y and David Hemery, who have adopted the technique, n be a road to spiritual enlightenment if you follow the travel code.

goodish day for radio music, you might like to be ed that the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under k plays the Brahms Symphony No 2 (Radio 3, 12.00) and s Piano Concerto No 3, with Ashkenazy at the keyboard m). Later, but still on Radio 3, Denis Matthews gives t of two talks on the cadenza in classical concertos. t we are in Mozart territory. There can be few more tative guides than Mr Matthews.

TELEVISION

BBC 1

9.00, Barnaby: for the very young.
9.40, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan: magazine for Asian viewers.
10.30, Let's Go: Brian Rix presents the first of a new series intended to help the mentally handicapped. One is called: Let's go on a Bus.
10.45, Unemployment: what will the jobless figure be in the year 2001? Christopher Brasher tries to find out.
11.35, On the Move: for adults who find difficulty in reading.
11.45, Paroli: helping Asians over the language hurdles.
12.25 pm, Sunday Worship: David Kossoff and Company with extracts from The Book of Witness (r).
1.00, Farming: a visit to one of Britain's biggest ram sales, at Kelso.
1.25, Mr Smith's Fruit Garden: Geoffrey Smith on raspberries

BBC 2

7.40, Open University (until 1.55): 7.40, Social change; 8.05, Quantum physics; 8.30, M101/29, Geometry, Klein; 8.55, Maths analysis; 9.20, Breakdown; 9.45, Servo-mechanism; 10.10, Maths-topological spaces; 10.35, The Arab-Israeli dispute; 11.00, Simulation models; 11.25, Advisory programme for applicants (r); 11.50, Mechanics—rockets; 12.15 pm, History of mathematics; 12.40, Patterning of the vote; 12.55, Educational research methods; 1.30, Public administration.

London Weekend

9.05 am, Focus on Soccer: England goals Ray Clemence makes his job look easy.
9.30, Home Produced: pig-keeping in your own back yard.
10.00, Morning Worship: today's service comes from the North Church of St Andrew in Aberdeen.
11.00, Out of Town: Into the countryside, with Jack Harveys.
11.30, Happy Days: At the Red Devils motorcycle club.
12.00, Weekend World: no shortage of strong political stories for Brian Walden as he and this news programme return (see Personal Choice).
1.00 pm, Funky Phantom: featuring the Creature from the Black Lake.
1.25, Space 1999: the only way the thinking rock can survive is by getting water from the Alpha.
1.55, The Big Match: highlights from three of the football games played yesterday. Brian Moore also replies to viewers' letters.
3.25, The Cedar Tree: the time is September, 1938, and at

and other delicious soft fruit.
1.50, News.
1.55, Film: The Unsinkable Molly Brown (1964), musical with Debbie Reynolds and Harvey Presnell. A backwoods girl sets off to find the Better Life.
4.00, Summer Sunday: Roundheads v Cavaliers from Cobham Hall, Gravesend. We are promised one of the "biggest punch-ups of the year".
4.35, Bonanza: the Western series is back again.
5.25, Bugs Bunny: Fresh Hare, cartoon.
5.35, Star Turn Challenge: acting contest between The Multi-Coloured Swap Shot team, and three of the girls from Angels.
6.00, News, with Richard Whitmore.
6.10, Sexton Blake and the Demon God: part two of this new tongue-in-cheek thriller series. Blake at a meeting of the Pascha's secret society.

1.55, International Tennis: the final two singles of the Davis Cup European Zone "A" final.
4.55, Play Rugby: the theme today is tackling.
5.20, Rugby Special: highlights from the Northampton v Richmond match which was played yesterday.
6.20, News Review: with visual commentary for the deaf.
6.45, International Tennis: highlights of today's play.
7.15, The World About Us: the Royal Geographical Society's expedition to Sarawak. The intrepid cavers go deep into the caverns of Mount Mulu and explore a kingdom of bats,



Faith Brown (as herself) in tonight's show (ITV, 8.15) Larkfield Manor Arthur Bourne organizes air raid precautions. Vicky becomes hysterical at the thought of losing Klaus her German boy friend.
9.25, Laverne and Shirley: Shirley becomes official taster at the brewery.
9.50, Survival: octopuses battle and a sealion dances in the Gulf of California.
5.20, Junior Sunday Quiz: religious quiz, with Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke, and

6.40, Songs of Praise: a Battle of Britain Sunday edition, from St. Andrews Church, at RAF Henlow, Hertfordshire.
7.15, The Oneid Line: The Fortunes Hunters story is brought to a close.
8.05, Film: The Battle of Britain: (1969 reconstruction of the decisive air war (see Personal Choice).
10.15, News, with Richard Whitmore.
10.25, The Inner Game: famous sportsmen explain why they think that sport is the ideal means of fusing body, mind and spirit. Peter France becomes a pupil (see Personal Choice).
11.00, Film 78: Barry Norman, no doubt flushed with success after his Hollywood Greats series, looks at the new films.
11.30, Weather.
BBC1 variations: WALES: 11.00, Voice of the Valleys and 11.50, News and weather.

giant spiders, blind white crabs and gigantic earwigs.
8.05, News and weather.
8.10, Anna Karenina: the last part of Donald Wilson's repeated serialization. Anna is overcome by jealousy.
10.00, Out of Court: the British legal system explained in a way the layman can understand.
10.30, Film: Little Murders (1971). Either Gould and Marcia head the cast in this adaptation of the Jules Feiffer stage play. Not a likable comedy, but it has its adherents and its deep-cutting moments (see David Robinson).

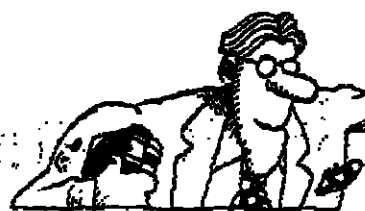
Beechen Cliff School, Bath, competing against each other.
5.45, Secret Diaries: dramatized pages from Francis Middlebrooke's account of life in the Yorkshire Dales, 1860.
6.15, News.
6.25, Credo: faith healers at work.
6.45, Appeal (for Wells Cathedral).
6.50, Stars on Sunday: the line-up includes Harry Secombe and Phyllis Calvert.
7.15, Return of the Saint: Terzaghi goes inside Big Ben.
8.15, The Faith Brown Awards: ostensibly a one-woman show but Miss Brown impersonates so many women (Angela Rippon, Mary Whitehouse, Mae West among them) that the cast seems enormous.
9.10, News.
9.20, Alphabetical Order: Michael Frayn's stage comedy adapted for TV (see Personal Choice).
11.55, Look What's Happened to Rosemary's Baby: more satanic goings-on, picking up where the Polish film left off.
12.40 am, Close: a Wordsworth poem, read by James Coyle.

Radio 4

6.30 am, News.
6.32, Farming Today.
6.50, Yours Faithfully... \$55, Weather.
7.00, News.
7.10, On Your Farm.
7.40, Today's Papers.
7.45, Yours Faithfully.
7.50, It's a Bargain. 7.55, Weather.
8.00, News.
8.10, Sport on 4.
8.45, Today's Papers.
8.50, Morning Call.
9.00, News.
9.05, International Assignment.
9.30, Liberal Assembly.
9.55, News Stand.
10.15, Daily Service.
10.30, Pick of the Week.
11.20, Time for Verse.
11.30, Science Now.
12.00, News.
12.02 pm, A Bar for Nothing.
12.27, The News Quiz. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News.
1.15, Any Questions?
2.00, Bookshelf.
2.30, Play: The Infamous Mister George.
3.00, News.
3.05, Does he Take Sugar?
3.25, Music of the Masters. As Radio 3.
5.00, Kaleidoscope Encore.
5.30, A Little Night Exposure: recital.
5.55, Weather.
6.00, News.
6.15, Desert Island Discs.
6.50, Stop the Week with Robert Robinson.
7.30, These You Have Loved.
8.10, Play: The Girl Who Didn't Want to Be (Frederick Bradburn).
9.58, Weather.
10.00, News.
10.15, A Word in Edgeways.

ATV

9.05 am, Home Produced. 9.30, Focus on Soccer. 10.05, The Last Island. 10.30, News. 11.15, London Weekend. 11.30, News. 11.45, London Weekend. 12.00, News. 12.15, London Weekend. 12.30, News. 12.45, London Weekend. 12.55, News. 1.00, London Weekend. 1.15, News. 1.30, London Weekend. 1.45, News. 1.55, London Weekend. 2.00, News. 2.15, London Weekend. 2.30, News. 2.45, London Weekend. 2.55, News. 3.00, London Weekend. 3.15, News. 3.30, London Weekend. 3.45, News. 3.55, London Weekend. 4.00, News. 4.15, London Weekend. 4.30, News. 4.45, London Weekend. 4.55, News. 5.00, London Weekend. 5.15, News. 5.30, London Weekend. 5.45, News. 5.55, London Weekend. 6.00, News. 6.15, London Weekend. 6.30, News. 6.45, London Weekend. 6.55, News. 7.00, London Weekend. 7.15, News. 7.30, London Weekend. 7.45, News. 7.55, London Weekend. 8.00, News. 8.15, London Weekend. 8.30, News. 8.45, London Weekend. 8.55, News. 9.00, London Weekend. 9.15, News. 9.30, London Weekend. 9.45, News. 9.55, London Weekend. 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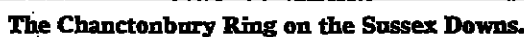
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The erotic side of Merlin

if, say, Mrs Thatcher offers him a Speaker's Conference on the subject of electoral reform—but declines to give him a Bill on proportional representation.

It is interesting to see whether he grasps this nettle today. For there can be no doubt that a *majority* of the delegates here at Southport approve the idea of cooperating with Mrs Thatcher, far more than believe in cooperating with the Labour Government.

Some Liberals of course cannot stomach the idea of cooperating with anyone until PR has been accepted. But the fact is that the other parties will never make a gift of PR that it has to be forced out of them "by war and chaos if necessary" as one of the lending lights told a fringe meeting. That voice will soon be muted with Mr Cyril Smith now supporting the leaders.

There is much in the idea's favour that still attracts Liberals. It is clearly in the van on ecology and in decentralisation. It is likely to attract many young votes. And lastly there is the broom of the party leadership which is now, if belatedly, being grasped under Mr Steel's command.

The Thorpe area has a few messy problems which are involved in the funds inquiry insist that they will all be tackled and if necessary exposed. This is more than could be said for either of the two main parties. But it remains that the decisions of the ward do not give grounds for merely trying. The Liberals' uphill fight is still to confirm themselves as a credible party.

Robert Nye's novel *Mertin* was reviewed last *Thursday* by Jacky Gillette. "He has, he says, 'own words', 'stood the medieval world of chivalry on its head and . . . explored in a modern way the dark unconscious side of the Arthurian myth'. Here he offers a guide to his readers. I was brought up on the tales of King Arthur and his noble knights, and I loved them as a boy and I love them still. Why then have I chosen, in my novel *Mertin*, to write a book which might seem to some a satirical attack on that world of high romance? And a book, what's more, which stresses a perhaps Victorian, a prudish, a prudish, shocking, erotic thread in that thick web of fantasy?"

In the first place, and adopting the minimalist position, because it is thick: King Arthur can take it. The constellation of characters, the weaving of the great medieval tapestry of fictions which is sometimes referred to as the *Matière de Bretagne*, is not to be exhausted by any one author or by any single book. Sir Thomas Malory produced one version, and a very brilliant and memorable version it is, especially in Susan Warner's *Winchester* (1917). John Milton towered with the idea of produc-

and lawless man, creating recreating fantasies of or and chivalry the better to control or come to terms with his own unconscious. At point, of course, it is as to refer at once to what behind Malory—to those to which he called his "Frodo" and "Gandalf." These are the nearest we will ever come to knowing what he dreamed when they present the dream Arthur in his purest, truest most fundamental form. What do we find when we turn to the curious something more modern Malory, something as and vivid as any painting Hieronymus Bosch or the delirious surrealism in the romantic *poesies* of *Merlin*, *Indiana*, and in the productions which follow presumably the work of R. R. Boron (the *Suite* or "St. Merlin" of the thirteenth century). We find in Paris (J. J. J. J.), we find for a significance placed on figure of Merlin, not as a magically-bumbling old wizard but as the son of a woman who had been the demons of hell as answer to Christ, but at the last moment, a failed Christ. These earlier versions of the Arthurian material, to say the archetypal Merlin, the archetypal Arthur and the rest. Merlin, a sexually ambiguous, neither good nor evil, but author of good and evil others. He seems here to be the most important, for he is the inspirer of the Round Table as well as the very existence of the king—whose conception attends and allows when the king lusters after the wife of the Duke of well!

"It is understandable that people may be anxious and apprehensive and so on. What I would hope is that our conduct in the future will prove to them that, far from us being a threat, we are a benefit to the community and a worthy colleague in the whole matter of education; and that the world at large has reason to be grateful that this man should have chosen to bequeath his fortune in such a way."

It was partly such considerations which prompted the museum to buy for a number of items which its curators found highly desirable in the recent record-breaking von Hirsch sale at Sotheby's in London. "The trouble is that modesty and restraint are rather boring characteristics to most people," Mr. Carrozzini commented with tongue and bitterness.

Mr. Carrozzini could not say whether the museum would concentrate on amplifying its existing three collections of antiquities, of eighteenth-century French furniture, and (less coherent and striking) of mainly Renaissance and Baroque paintings, or also branch into something new. It was very possible that we might go into a new field," he said.

Given the aims of concord with other museums and serving mankind, they would tend to avoid a field like eastern art, already well represented in nearby Los Angeles.

Mr. Carrozzini said that it was not ideal to have old master paintings on the first floor of a Roman villa (let alone all that over-wrought French furniture, as far from British as from Roman taste). He also showed some sympathy for the collector who saw something fraudulent in a Roman villa which conformed to Los Angeles construction standards, had a pool with only 18 inches of water because the Romans' 12 foot deep model would require a Niagara as well as a modern lake, fountains, and a garden with an automatic sub-surface irrigation and fertilizer system.

But Mr. Getty had wanted to give people an idea what that kind of building had looked like, and thought it would make sense to show the public antiquities, he said. The public seemed to love it. He knew the museum had achieved real fame when he had a letter recently from a pastry cook working for a Sicilian restaurant, the person who produced it for display in a catering exhibition at Olympia next January.

Roger Berthoud

Liverpool Cathedral: the most

On October 25 the Queen will attend a service of thanksgiving to mark the completion of what is arguably the greatest and most inspired British building of modern times.

Almost three quarters of a century since the foundation-stone of Liverpool Anglican cathedral was laid by her great-grandfather, she will witness the fulfilment of a task of creation which sceptics have frequently doubted would ever be finished.

In the centre of the floor of the nave is a simple circular plaque bearing the words: "1880-1960. Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, Architect." Around it rises a sandstone edifice which, in scale and magnificence, stands comparison with York and Lincoln, Durham and Ely.

It was the young Mr Scott, a 22-year-old Roman Catholic, who won a competition for its design after construction had been authorized by special Act of Parliament. Although, by no means his only achievement, it was inevitably his dominant preoccupation and, but for the two world wars, might have been completed in his lifetime.

At the time of its inception, Liverpool was still a thriving seaport and a great commercial centre; the new Anglican diocese had been carved out of the former bishopric of Chester in

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1880, "to provide for the rapidly expanding population of Merseyside.

The site chosen, on St James's Mount, overlooked the city and the river, and stood aptly poised between the fashionable Georgian terraces of Rope Street and the new streets of working housing which were later to become notorious slums.

The cathedral took shape by stages. The Lady Chapel was completed in 1910, and the main building itself consecrated in 1924, consisting then of the choir and eastern transept. At the entrance to the transept a cenotaph was erected, on which was placed a book containing the names of more than 40,000 Liverpoolians killed in the First World War. Two years later the great organ, claimed to be the largest in the world, was dedicated.

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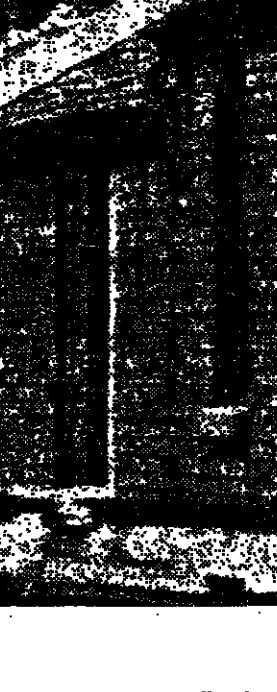
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Second World War, the central tower was completed in 1941, and Sir Giles himself laid the topmost stone. Work continued on the nave during the 1950's and 1960's, and the last few weeks have seen the installation of the huge decorated window which will adorn the west front.

The building has provided virtually a lifetime's employment for three generations of craftsmen; work has, in many cases, passed from father to son. A slightly melancholy aspect of its completion is that men who have known no other employment will have to seek new jobs, although some will still be needed for repairs and maintenance.

Inevitably the enormous cost has necessitated a series of appeals; the latest, for nearly £500,000, was little more than two years ago. Equally inevitably, some people have



questioned the justification for a building of such magnificence in a city with acute social problems.

At the end of the last war, the Roman Catholic Church felt unable to proceed with Lutyns' grandiose design for the Metropolitan cathedral, half a mile away, and compromised with a still beautiful, but much smaller, building by Sir Frederick Gibberd.

But the Dean, the Very Reverend Edward Pacey, staunchly defends the Anglican cathedral's relevance and usefulness. "It's size, which some people might say is forbidding, is in fact nothing of the sort," he declares. "It is a very flexible building, because there are no pillars and all the seats are movable, which means that it can be used for concerts, plays, exhibitions and conferences as well as for formal worship."

The bringing together of liturgical and community activities is a theme close to the Dean's heart. In a lecture in Bristol two years ago, he observed that cathedrals must not justify themselves simply on the strength of the past, but must be made centres for creative expression.

John Young

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hidden in his text. (Mal prose, briefly, has a sad charge which I have dare make explicit, mostly by using Malory's Merlin who first interested him in Boron). I would claim that a motive lies behind the motifs of Charles Williams. T. H. White, to go no far although neither of them admit it, is interesting in this recent book. White's *Book of Merlyn*, instance, contains a foreword which Sylvia Townsend quotes a note in which he fascinated by Lancelot's said. That this never become integral part of White's *Art of Merlin* is I think criticism of that work's base. If he had allowed it in, he would not have attracted the anti of Hollywood, but that Warner's story. (Townsend's biography of White makes his sadism obvious).

In short, I am suggesting the Arthurian material could an erotic element which I have hinted at in previous stories, but in mine, I am explicit in mine. In the evolution of this, it will seem I have stood the medieval world of chivalry on its head, and I have, and explored it modern way the dark unconscious side of the Arthurian material. I think I have done this without it and suggestions found in work of C. C. Jung—in parallel his identification of Merlyn with the Mercurius Jung alchemy—and most specifically without the illuminations of a volume like *Merlin* by Emma Jung and Marie-Louise von Franz, in which Merlyn revealed as the key figure a story common to all of someone imprisoned in retort of his own imagination his task being to transmute base matter to his dream gold. Or is it vice versa?

I submit that the same more essential than can be said to this and that is versions of it continue to appear in every form. I claim no particular merit for mine, save it is adult, and that stories a King Arthur are usually a cultured so as to be suitable child to this. Malory's tales of "bold hawdry" and manslaughter, I have done more than carry Malory's logical conclusion. If the pornographic then I can only say that pornography is a fiction thing to enter hellish thing to enter because for me *Merlyn* is hard to write as I hope it is easy to read.

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1892 can scarcely have been greater than the fever that has gripped this town for the last week and more. For the many thousands of visitors who *streamed in*, things began humming as soon as they arrived at the airport. People joining the crush at the cat rental counters, trying to secure one of the scarce and precious vehicles, could steel themselves

for the wait by buying drinks in souvenir glasses with drawings of the two contenders. Airport gift shops sold commemorative T-shirts.

Finally installed in his car, the visitor could tune in to almost any of the local radio stations and hear one of the songs composed for the occasion. "Muhammad Ali, you're the greatest," was one of them. Another described the supposed flight of Spinks from the Superdome, terrified at the prospect of facing Ali again: "He ran so fast that the hounds couldn't catch him. Down the Mississippi to the gulf of Mexico."

Miracles and all that jazz

The radio also reported on the influx of spectators. Listeners were warned that although there were still tickets available, hotel rooms were scarce and expensive. Honolulians raised their prices for the event, and the hotel on the minimum four-night stay. But anyone who lived within 200 miles of New Orleans could see the bout only by going to the Superdome

because of the local television blackout.

"New Orleans is like a zoo," one radio reporter complained. The elegant Southern city did, however, keep a vestige of its self-respect. A plan by the promoters to turn the party into a "bottle party" for the benefit of a local history museum, was vetoed when it was learned that the party's highlight would be young women in wet T-shirts. The visitors included a few thousand of the city's poorer citizens, and five days for \$700—all for the sake of seeing a contest lasting an hour at the most. There is enthusiasm for you.

In the evenings crowds thronged the French quarter, which has miraculously retained most of its old character, or at least managed to live with the worst deprivations of commercialism. Once you have run the gauntlet through the strip-tears at the south end of Bourbon Street, you reach the "French Quarter" where, inside the jazz bars because they have their doors open and you can listen by merely standing on the street. Many do so, carrying drinks in plastic glasses. At the junction of

Bourbon and St. Peter Streets, two rival bars blare at each other across the road in vigorous competition.

Down St. Peter Street is the most miraculous survivor of all, the cramped, hot and dirty Preservation Hall, a small room in which musicians have been largely admitted for some 50 years. Unleashed is only a dollar, which entitles you to sit on a hard bench or stand at the back (more comfortable) and hear the town's most famous jazz band, the Preservation Hall band—six black men with frizzled grey hair and one younger white. The audience, swarming prodigiously, listened in suitable reverence to their rendition of Duke Ellington's "Swinging at the Jazz Band," the "Marble Band," and a particularly attenuated version of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary."

At Crazy Shirley's, in the peaceful interlude between sets by Tommy Yetts and his New Orleans Dixieland Jazz Band, I saw a young woman, who said she was behind the bar, so I suppose it was she) if many supporters had been in. She said they certainly had. And I asked how she could tell them from ordinary people. —It's

just that there are no conventions and it's busy for off-season and they talk about the fight the whole time", she replied, which is not a helpful answer for a reporter searching for colour.


Even if Craggy Shirley cannot distinguish boxing supporters, she is a good conversationalist. She is a well-bred or people who surface only on these significant, publicistic occasions. They are men of uncertain age, wearing knee-length suits and elaborate ties, jabbering, answering to names like, Ike, Irving and Mel.

Black and white talk show

They prefer to float permanently around the crowded by-lag of business headquarters, or hotel, sometimes doing mysterious errands and always hoping for a sight of the contestants or their attendant celebrities for a piece, a photograph, a television action. They greet each other fearfully, hugging and touching, with a sincerity which implies mutual congratulations on having survived since they met

at the last such shindig. They are generally alone, unlike the black supporters who, with their women, follow in gaggles around the black boyzers.

They dress altogether more sharply, the men in light suits and shiny shoes with pointed toes, waggling their hips in time to imaginary music. The women wear with each other to sport the most alarming outfits.



Ali : fought his way to weigh in.

The charge of the 500

Thursday's weigh-in was chaotic at the best. After closing each other outside the hotel bedroom before its doors opened, the crowd poured and stormed the stage. Peewee with box cameramen crouched with press photographers and spies where they could see their heroes. Officials and armed police appealed everyone to leave the stage box nobody was taken to the first to weaken. Not Arum, the promoter, or threats. "If you don't go, we'll do the weigh-in privately," he cried as the likely eventuality, seeing the contest would lose most of its significance without efforts of the 500 report and cameramen here.

At one point, Mr. Arum announced the cancellation of the weigh-in. "A few minutes later, first Ali and then Spivey fought their way on to the stage and were duly weighed.

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They prefer to float permanently around the crowded lobby of the boxers' headquarters, or hotel, sometimes doing mysterious errands and always hoping for a sight of the contestants or their attendant celebrities for a piece, however vicarious, of the action. They greet each other fearfully, hugging and touching, with a sincerity which implies mutual congratulations on having survived since they met

Thursday's weigh-in was classic of its kind. After jangling each other outside hotel bathroom before the press conference, Ali and Spivey stormed the stage. Petriech box cameras competed with press photographers' spots where they could get a better shot. Officials armed police appealed everyone to leave the stage but nobody was keen to move first. Ali, Mr. Arum, the promoter, let threats. "If you don't go," he said, "I will privately be crying and later, eventually, seeing it on the center world, lose most of its significance without the support of the 500 reporters and cameramen here."

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The brilliant return of the Lloyd-Brebec match does tend to emerge as a specially emotional stress of the Davis Cup competition, but it is on a much grand scale. It would be possible—and reasonable—to praise both men for their superb response to the pressure of the occasion, to commend them for failing to seize the chances they created. Both were evidently mentally prepared for the wild wind that was never constant.

Often the wind made nonsense of the conventions of stroke-play. The first on-plateau shot was a forehand to find an answer. For most of the match the tennis was patchy. But in the last hour or so the wind died down and the play went through enough crises to leave their nerve-ends in shreds, striven to win to win the best of three.

What was the result? The Davis Cup tennis they gave us! What a pity it was that one of the players had to be laid out.

Let us study the statistics. The fore-bones of the match. At the first set Brebec had 12 break points, Lloyd seven. Brebec had won the first two games. In six consecutive games went to love. Lloyd had a set point at the end of the second game. He was through for the set. He had not been playing particularly well. With that set behind him he must have been back with a vengeance. He was playing the big points better than Brebec. In the second set Brebec had four break points better. But a single break was enough to give Lloyd the set.

In the third set the pattern was the same. Lloyd had a set point before five break points before Brebec broke through for 4-3. This, it seemed, was not to be the end. Lloyd was to be taken up and serving for a 5-3

as well try. He gave every shot he had. Bistorehead, not a thing like a dream. He blazed way to 3-5. In the next game he had a winner of his net cord point. At this juncture Lloyd produced a winning lob, net and easiest of shots in yesterday's match. He promptly served one of his double-faults (a tally that seems harmless) by comparison with Lloyd's (5).

5-4, and the crowd were raving Lloyd on. What a thrilling reaction had had.

As Lloyd said later, Brebec served a lot of credit for having on offer that. The Canechak held his service from love-3 down then from love-3 down again. He was anxious, thinking of what he had to do, but he was giving his all and minding what could be. At 10-13 Lloyd nailed him with a forehand and Brebec was out of the match. He gave Lloyd a break to 11-10. Lloyd served his way to 40-love. Brebec was not done for yet. He served his way to 40-love. He volleyed in the net. He left Lloyd stranded with a backhand do the. The Lloyd lunged for a forehand stop volley and the. A marvelous match was suddenly a memory.

The last games when Brebec looked ominously from Brittain point of view—like the Nism. There was the build, the nimble, the quick, the power, the ability to stay in a match without doing much in the way of over-achievement. He was a sparkling stream of freethinking shots at the end of the fourth and the beginning of the fifth and the great of a wave of inspiration.

Games costs rise.
New York, Sept. 15.—The head of the Lake Placid Olympic organizing committee says "there is going to be no deficit" at the 1932 Winter Olympic Games despite increased costs. The Reverend J. Bernard Ferris on giving slightly revised figures on the amount of additional money Olympic organizers will need to complete the construction of new amateur facilities for the games in the crowded Mountain village of Lake Placid.

the crowds

decent possession they will give Leicester plenty to think about.

Although Mossley lost at Swansea last Saturday it appears that their forwards discovered much of their power and drive, and they will be looking for further improvement against Bath. Cusworth, not Cooper, retains the stand-off half position.

Gloucester made the mistake of fielding a weakened side against Cheltenham; on Wednesday, and lost; a result which must have been a severe blow to their benefit if produced in the morale of the victors. It is good to see a club-like Cheltenham coming through again after their lean times, and they must now be going to Broughton Park in excellent heart. Gloucester, need it be said, have chosen their strongest available side for their game at Watford.

The match of the day in Wales must be the one between Cardiff and Coventry, and if the home side

recapture the drive, flair and cohesion with which they took Bristol apart on Wednesday evening then Coventry will be in trouble. Bristol, with Swansea as visitors, have a snaffle about them, and no doubt will be as pains to make the first tackle more conclusive. Predictably, they replace Pearn with Twissell as scrum half.

McGeerhan (centre) and Caplan (full back) are in the leading-line XV against London. Scots' at Bray, another good team, and who lost to Orrell last week, have dropped their centre and prolific points scorer, Gillespie. Saracens, as home to Bridgend, make a change on the wing, bringing in Hanson for Tiddy.

Rosslyn Park must be making the long journey to Gosforth with no lively hopes of success. The side has been riddled by injuries; they have lost their England centre, Kent, to Exeter; and Rippon, a player of the Irish Wolfhounds, is unavailable.

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England 5 Scotland 4

FOURSHOTS: 1. English names first:
...A. Martin and M. Edwards, 4 and 3.
...D. Johnson and A. Smith, 4 and 3.
...J. Henson and A. Aitken beat M.
...Garry and A. Smith, 4 and 3.
...Gardner and C. Smith, 4 and 1.
...A. Martin and M. Edwards, 4 and 3.

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Ireland 61 Wales 23

FOURSHOTS: Irish names first:
...S. McKenna and M. Garry, 4 and 3.
...J. Henson and A. Smith, 4 and 3.
...L. Garry and S. O'Brien, 4 and 3.
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names they placed their wavy hair in an unbeatable position. Mrs. Henson always had the measure of Wilma Aiken and won the first and third prizes. The three on the other holes, Mrs. Caldwell won five of the first 15 holes on her way to beating Mrs. Henson 5 and 4 and Mrs. Caldwell beat Mrs. Uzieln, the former British champion to gain the winning point by beating Dale Reid 2 and 1.

In Ireland, having won the four-holes by 21-, quickly controlled the kill when they gained the two and a half point from the first two singles, which they won 4 and 2.

Mary Gorry, the Irish champion, won the first round convincingly, defeating the Welsh title-holder Len Uzieln in the top game by four and three.

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University League
First Division: Wolves v Leeds
 (4-0)

Hockey
Intermediate Cup: Final, Hounslow
 v. London Cygnets at Lashore, 1.35
 (n.m.).

Club Matches: Havant v Trozno;
 London v West Ham; and Burgess
 v. St. Clements; Richmond
 v. Weymouth; v. Weymouth v. Folke-
 stone.

Football Tournaments: Home
 Counties under-23 matches at Heri-
 ott University, Lambourgh.

Cricket
 Open Meeting at High Wycombe

Rugby League
First Division: Barrow v S. Haver-
 ley (1-50); Bradford v. Castle
 (1-50); Hull Kingston Rovers v. Ful-
 ham (1-0); London Welsh v. Hudders-
 field (2-0); Northampton v. Wigan
 (1-50); Warrington v. v. Hudders-
 field (1-50); Wigan v. Hudders-
 field (1-50).

Football
 Pool: Burgess, Bentine, v. Keighley
 (3-30); Doncaster v. Hull; Halifax
 v. Wigan; Wigan v. Oldham; Wigan
 v. Burnley; Burnley v. Hudders-
 field; Huddersfield v. York v. Wigan
 (n.m.).

Hockey
INDOOR TOURNAMENT: Duquesne
 Championships at Northern Sum-
 mer, 10.00; 15.00; 16.00 to 8.00.

Cricket
Athletics
 National Youth Athletics League
 Crystal Palace.

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ENC 2—tomorrow
ENC 3: Britain v Czechoslovakia:
(1.53, 6.45)
League: Union: Northampton v
Richmond (5.20)
Rugby: SA
Horse racing: Doncaster races at 1.30;
2.0, 2.30 and 3.15; Chepstow
races at 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45
Horse racing: Galindus v Rossmore
(3.15), Sprinks v All (9.0)
Horse racing: St Albans promotion
(4.0)
Rugby: SA—Lancaster
Football: Big Match (4.25)
Ireland, who defeated Wales by
63 to 23, finished runners-up for
the second year running. Scotland
were third and Wales fourth. Eng-
land proved to be the better gol-
fers in the male force winds which
made the course a severe test.
While they were ahead of the
way. They won the foursomes
2-1 and shared the singles 3-2.
England lost the first two
singles, but hit back strongly and
when Derek Hanson, Carol Cid-
well and Angela Valdez won three

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US interest rates at highest level for 3 years

18 Bank Base Rates Table 20

claimed, more than 18 per cent of imported tyres originated from the overseas plants of from national talks last year. dealings with management have been based on plant bargaining.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Making the most of 'Granny bonds'

annual rate of inflation is running at 8 per cent, compared with the 1975 rate of 10.5 per cent when the Savings, Retirement Certificate was first issued in June, 1975. The certificate has since risen by 0.7 per cent a month, the Government announced yesterday, bringing the total price increase since 1975, to a hefty 54.45 per cent.

It is significant for 1 million holders of index-linked retirement certificates, usually known as "Granny bonds" were introduced in 1975, and the pensioners who took out the first £500 in £10 units in October will find their holding worth £772.27 the £272.27 "profit" the index linking

which protects their nest egg against inflation.

Using these figures as an example, each £10 unit bought then is now worth £15.45. The question is what the holders, men over 65 and women over 60, should do with their extra cash.

Since the maximum unit holding goes up to £700 on October 2, there will be an understandable temptation to cash in sufficient of the original units to recoup the increased value, and to reinvest this in fresh retirement certificates.

It would take 18 units encashed to recoup the £272.27 "profit", so the argument runs, leaving the holder with 32 units from the original stake.

You use the repayment value of the certificates to buy new units, which now brings your unit total up to 59 (£590 held),

some way towards October's higher £700 limit.

The trouble is that this cannot increase the total value of your holding, since what you gain in new units is balanced by the loss of the old ones.

The index linking is attached to that total value and the only way to increase it is to put more money in the pool—ie, buy more units from a fresh money source. Spitting your present holding does not do that.

Indeed, it can involve you in a marginal loss since new units cannot be cashed with index linking until held for a year and all certificates need to be held for five years to attract their 4 per cent annual bonus.

Thus, the Department for National Savings emphasizes there can be no advantage in switching your retirement issue

holdings from old to new units. It remains surprising, though, how commonly held the opposite view is.

The alternative is to treat the holding both as an inflation-proof nest egg and a source of income, something which should prove attractive to many pensioners. They will want their holding to keep its value, but also need enough cash, say to pay the yearly rent on their television set.

To do this, you must realize one important thing. You do not have to cash in all your units to get out the "profit" made so far.

It will take 18 units to raise the £272, rather than 27 units, since their value has increased 4 per cent a year.

Thus, the original nest egg will have been reduced to £250, but you will have cash in hand to

Roger Beard

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been battling about the clips and certificates which you have broken the sound barrier.

As another ploy, always show your complete savoir faire about such matters by referring to airports by their own name other than that of the town which they serve. Thus talk about Kennedy, Dulles, Charles de Gaulle, and Méribat, rather than New York, Washington, Paris or Tehran.

You can madden the uninitiated even further by referring to airports by the three initials that represent them on your luggage tag—thus Heathrow is never mentioned—you call it LHR. This is perhaps a little pedantic, however, and recommended for those with a rhinoceros skin.

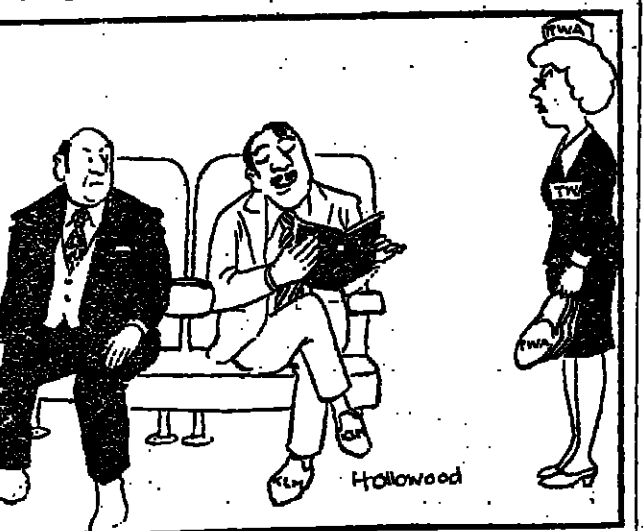
It is also quite good news to know the kind of aircraft you are flying in—you can always look it up in the air timetable or your travel agent will tell you. You can then dispense little gems of information such as: "Rows 15 and 16 in the Economy Section of the DC10 are best because you get more leg room due to the escape hatch". This may, or may not, be true so perhaps you had better make sure that you don't say it when you are actually on a DC10 in case your bluff is called.

Some people go to extraordinary lengths to impress. Thus a merchant banker, B. Protheroe, actually takes with him his own in-flight headphones that he nicked from National Airlines and on which he has had his secretary paint his name with her nail varnish. He produces them ostentatiously when the stewardesses are dishing out their fare.

But quite the most irritating remark I have ever heard was from this chap I happened to be sitting next to on a British Airways flight. He appeared to be highly nervous about the whole proceedings and in a patronizing way, once we had landed and were safely home I fall completely into the trap and said encouragingly to him: "Well, that wasn't too bad was it...?"

"I suppose not", he retorted, "But I always feel I'm going to have kittens when my mother-in-law is flying the aeroplane."

Francis Kinsman



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Taxation: fringe benefits 2

Directors and company cars

In looking at fringe benefits for the lower paid last week we saw that use of a company car is one of the more valuable tax-free perks that they can enjoy.

Not so, though, for directors and those in higher-paid employment because of the special benefit-in-kind rules laid down in the Finance Act 1976.

CARS	BENEFITS IN KIND
1978/79	
Original market value up to £2,000 with a cylinder capacity of:	Taxable benefits of:
1300 cc or less	Cars under 4 years old
1301 cc—1800 cc	Cars 4 years old or more
More than 1800 cc	
	£
	190
	250
	380

Original market value up to £2,000 and no cylinder capacity:

Less than £2,500

£2,500—£3,499

£3,500—£8,000

Original market value over £8,000

£8,001—£12,000

Over £12,000

190

250

380

190

250

380

550

880

Assuming that the individual is deemed to be a director or in higher-paid employment, the use of a company car—whether provided for the employee, his family or household—is taxable. Just how much is taxable depends on a number of facts.

As a matter of interest the Act tells us that references to members of a person's family or household are to include his spouse, his sons and daughters and their spouses, his parents and his servants, dependants and guests.

Where business use of the car is non-existent or "insubstantial" a more penal measure of the taxable value is imposed than would otherwise be the case. The word "insubstantial" is not defined but the Inland Revenue has said that in practice the business use of a car will not be regarded as "insubstantial" if that use exceeds 10 per cent of its total use in the tax year.

The taxable benefit of "cash equivalent" as it is called, is calculated by taking the total of the annual value of the car which is 20 per cent of the original market value, or 10 per cent if the car is over four years old at the end of the tax year—and all the running costs borne by the employer. This total is reduced by any contribution which the employee may make for use of the car.

If the car is rented or hired and the charge is greater than the annual value of 20 or 10 per cent, the higher figure will be substituted—but the onus is on the employee to make an expenses claim for the business use of the car (if any).

In other cases, no matter how large or small the private use of the car, the flat rates which are set out in the table below are currently as shown in the table. Remember these are the cash equivalents—the amounts on which tax at the individual's marginal rate is calculated and

not the amount of the tax itself.

Comparing these cash equivalents with those for "insubstantial" use it can be seen that it is important to keep above a 10 per cent business use, even if it does mean supporting British Rail a little less.

The flat rates can be reduced in a number of circumstances. If, for some reason, the car is unavailable to the employee for any part of the tax year the cash equivalent is proportionately reduced—for example, if it was bought half-way through the tax year, only half the flat rate will be the cash equivalent.

A car will also be regarded as unavailable if it was incapable of being used for at least 30 continuous days—for instance, if it was undergoing a long spell of repair work in the garage.

Again, if the employee can satisfy the tax inspector that he has travelled at least 25,000 miles in the tax year on business travel, the flat rate will be halved.

Another important circumstance in which the cash equivalent can be reduced is if it is a condition of using the car privately that the employee pays a sum of money to the employer—the amount of the payment is deducted from the flat rate (the deduction cannot exceed the flat rate). A caveat here—the Revenue will not accept a payment made solely for private petrol as being a payment for use of the car.

Finally on this subject of cars, if the employer provides a chauffeur the expense will be an additional tax benefit, but, of course, the Ambassador Insurance Co. is deductible to the extent that he is necessarily obliged to incur it for business purposes.

Vera Di Palma

Stock markets Profit-taking drains rally

The inevitable profit-taking at the end of the account took the punch out of the equity rally yesterday and, although selling was mostly fairly light, the FT Index slipped back by 5.1 to 530.4.

After two days in the shade followed by two active sessions, gilts started to fall again. The UK "fundamentals" have been sound enough but dealers were unsettled by interest rate trends on the other side of the Atlantic and many issues dropped by 1.

It took Guest Keen & Nettlefolds to shed light on an otherwise gloomy leader-pitch. The influence of much better-than-anticipated results lifted

marked back. Metal Box showed one of the heaviest falls of 12p to 370p. ICI lost 7p to 415p. Becton Dickinson were clipped by 10p to 733p and Glaxo slid 13p to 635p.

Arthur Bell continued its post-results downturn with another 9p drop to 262p. Kacal, too, again lost ground with a fall of a similar amount to 346p. Market opinion is divided as to whether the group is about to go ex-growth or whether, long-term, it is set to take a beneficial turn into micro-processors.

United Biscuits' results met an indifferent response and shares lost 7p to 86p, but Associated were unchanged at 83p. Taverner Rutledge slipped badly on disclosure of its difficulties in Liverpool but a late rally recouped much of the fall.

Speculative interests lifted Royco, Linford and Plessey, although the latter closed unchanged on balance at 67p. The recent recovery in ship-pings proved short-lived and P & O gave up 2p to 95p, European Ferries dropped by the same amount to 140p. Furness Withy came back 4p to 245p. Oils, too, were largely unwavering as BP lost 4p to 910p and Shell dipped 5p to 589p. Siebens came up to 406p, 8p ahead, on speculative interest.

Liberalisation of Thursday's results from Prudential led to a further fall of 3p to 157p while Royal gave up 8p to 380p. And although National Westminster was unchanged at 285p, other

clearers lost ground. Barclays fell 5p to 362p and Midland slipped by a similar figure to 370p, while Bank of Ireland lost some of its earlier strength. Hambros were wavered after news that the Norwegian Government is to extend its support for Reksens.

In after-hours business, it appeared that the worst of the fall had passed as prices developed a slightly firmer tendency. There was no rush of new-time buying, yet many of the leaders recovered some of their earlier falls. While gilts remained sluggish, GEC, Lucas,

Combined English Stores has risen from 73p to 126p this year and the yield is less than 4 per cent. The group has a lot to live up to. The omens point to profits this year growing from £5.5m to around £5.5m, or up to £1m more than the cautious expect. Such an increase would be hard to repeat, and the £5.5m could provide Mr Murray, Gordon, chairman, with a bid platform.

EMI and Arthur Bell were among those which picked up a few pence.

Equity turnover on September 14 was £123,979m (34,284 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks yesterday were ICI, BP, Barclays, Bobs, Glaxo, UDS, European Ferries and others included Arthur Bell and RFD.

Latest results

Company	Sales	Profit	Earnings	Div	Pay	Year's
Int or Fin	£m	£m	per share	pence	date	total
Alcan Alum (UK)	(—)	(—)	0.59(NH)	3.3(—)	10/10	(—)
Alex Hedges (I)	21.7(10.6)	0.24(0.04)	(—)	1.8(1.12)	(—)	(4.8)
Breadon Clont (I)	1.64(1.4)	0.48(0.28)	(—)	(—)	(—)	(—)
Chemical Works (I)	13.5(11.5)	0.46(0.07)	(—)	(—)	(—)	(—)
Comau Ins B (I)	(—)	5.26(4.7)	(—)	3.0(2.7)	2/10	(—)
Goodman Bros (F)	10.5(9.8)	0.51(0.47)	2.5(2.3)	0.83(0.74)	(—)	0.83(0.74)
Highcroft Int (F)	(—)	0.07(0.06)	(—)	0.87(0.78)	13/10	(2.6)
Kennedy Smale (F)	(—)	0.40(0.27)	11.4(10.40)	5.58(5.50)	2/1	(15.56)
GKN (I)	89.6(84.7)	42.0(40.8)	(—)	(—)	(—)	(—)
Montague Boston (I)	10.4(9.7)	0.36(0.29)	(—)	0.76(—)	(—)	(—)
Liberal (I)	(—)	0.65(0.59)	5.57(5.38)	0.64(0.58)	23/10	(1.8)
Geo Oliver (I)	4.1(3.4)	0.28(0.03)	(—)	0.14(NH)	(—)	(—)
Newey Grp (I)	6.3(7.9)	0.38(0.05)	(—)	0.14(NH)	(—)	(—)
Taverner Rut (I)	3.3(3.3)	0.36(0.15)	(—)	1.1(0.99)	10/11	(2.4)
Williams & James (I)	3.2(2.2)	0.35(0.21)	(—)	(—)	(—)	(—)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a=Loss, b=Flourish.

Utd Biscuits sights £42m

By Rosemary Unsworth

United Biscuits (Holdings), Britain's biggest biscuit manufacturer, produced a 16.6m increase in pre-tax profit making £18.6m in the 28 weeks to July 15, 1978, compared with £17.04m during the same period last year.

But the chairman, Sir Hector Laing, sounded a cautious note saying that second half profits would not be as high as anticipated at the annual meeting when he predicted the profit increase would likely be more significant than in the first half.

"We now see the rate of increase in the second half being more in line with the rate of increase in the first", he said, "increasing from a total of about £42m for 1978 compared with £38m last year. However, market estimates for the full year are for about £40m."

"While our profit improvement may not be as great as we would have liked, we believe it important for our future growth to accept the cost of investing heavily at this time to take advantage of the trends we see developing in the 1980s."

Utd's planned expansion and main growth area will be in fast and frozen foods, according to Sir Hector. The group is examining prospective acquisitions in the United Kingdom and the United States which would broaden its base from carbohydrate to other foodstuffs.

"Our entry into the frozen food market has been more successful than forecast, but at this stage of its development this operation must be seen as an investment for the future", said Sir Hector.

An interim dividend of 2.23p gross has been declared against 1.32p. A supplementary dividend of 0.0004p will also be paid for 1977.

The American Keebler plant is currently being modernized which has resulted in some loss of efficiency. But United States production and sales were also hit by bad January weather and a coal strike, producing a fall in trading profit to £6.4m from £7.4m.

Spanish subsidiary revenues were also disappointing because of high distribution costs.

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Insurance

High cost of under-paying

Most insurers are trying hard tactics to get their policyholders to insure both the buildings of their houses and the contents for realistic figures. This is heavily stressed on the part of the insurers, because the premium they charge increases in direct relation with the sum insured, as it is calculated as a percentage rate of that figure.

Nevertheless, even though some insurers have been trying arbitrarily to increase sums insured by certain percentages, and also insisting on a suitable index, it is clear that there is still considerable under-insurance.

Even insurers are not really certain about the penalties which they can impose where it appears as though there has been deliberate under-insurance.

Traditionally, policies issued by Lloyd's underwriters, and those issued by a few companies, have contained the "average clause". It is a penalty in the event of under-insurance although, to be fair, its main aim is to deter householders from under-insuring, rather than to cut back the amount which will be payable as a claim.

Without going into technicalities, the effect of the normal average clause is to scale down any claim in the same proportion as the under-insurance. If, therefore, your house is insured for £20,000 but it would cost £30,000 to rebuild it (and thus it should be insured for

£30,000), every claim which you make for repairs, and so on, to the house could be scaled down by one third.

It is clear that the average clause is not proving an effective deterrent. Many householders who have the clause in their policies are still under-insured, which can mean negotiation and bargaining (and, often, a certain amount of ill-feeling in the event of a claim).

If there is an average clause in a policy, the position is clear-cut. It is the policyholder's responsibility to insure for the full value and any under-insurance may very well result in any claim (however small) being scaled down in the same proportion as the under-insurance.

Traditionally, however, the great majority of household policies on the market have not contained the average clause.

If for instance, a householder has consistently refused to increase the sum insured under his policy, or has refused to allow the figure to be indexed-linked, he may find the average clause incorporated. Presumably, too, he can expect little or no leniency from the insurers in its operation if there is a claim.

Most policies, however, still do not have the clause. Instead, almost certainly there was a declaration in the proposal form that the full value was being insured.

With policies on this basis some insurers have taken the

line in cases of serious under-insurance that the declaration would "allow them to void the policy altogether. But, instead of taking such drastic action, they have negotiated an ex gratia settlement, calculated in much the same way as if the policy contained the average clause.

Some experts wonder, however, whether insurers have the right to take such action, on the grounds that it is by no means certain that the wordings which have been used are strong enough to make the declaration of full value a continuing warranty throughout the life of the policy.

In other words, if an insurer tries to scale down a claim on the grounds of under-insurance, it could be worthwhile where there is no average clause in the policy, to take expert advice and to put up a fight.

Even if an insurer has a right to void a policy altogether (in which event a claim may be settled on an ex gratia basis), it looks as though the insurer cannot then happily continue to insure you, albeit for a higher sum insured.

One insurance expert has put it: "It seems to me that the action by the insurer in making an ex gratia payment on the threat of policy repudiation, which is not carried out, is unlawful, and in certain circumstances, might even be illegal."

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Briefly

to shortly offer to shareholders and debenture-holders \$A50m to \$A100m of debenture stock.

ITV REVENUE
Independent Television Companies Association reports that total net advertisement revenue of the independent television companies for August was £24.38m against £24.65m in July.

CENTRAL WAGON (subsidiary of Booker McConnell) reports sales up from £11.85m to £13.5m for half-year to July 1, while pre-tax profits jumped from £70,000 to £224,000.

WINSTON ESTATES
Pre-tax profit for half-year to June 30 up from £98,000 to £150,000, interim payment, gross, of 0.75p (0.625p).

SAMUEL MONTAGU
Samuel Montagu & Co has completed the purchase of a 10 per cent

cent shareholding in Korea Kuwait Banking Corporation, a merchant bank based in Seoul, Korea.

NATIONAL ELECTRIC
Pre-tax profits of National Electric Construction rose from £168,000 to £200,000 in the half-year to June 30.

NOBLE AND LUND
Turnover for half-year to June 30 up from £900,000 to £1.16m. Pre-tax profits, £101,000 (£93,000).

NEWBY GROUP
Turnover for 26 weeks to July 2, £5.81m (£7.96m). Pre-tax loss, £395,000 (loss, £50,000). No dividend (same). Company is a subsidiary of Wm Prym-Verk.

KRAFT PRODUCTIONS
Turnover for half-year to June 30 up from £543,000 to £766,000. Profit, £7,269 (£7,334), after all charges.

THARIS SULPHUR & COPPER
Turnover, £5.22m (£5.28m) for half-year to June 30. Pre-tax profit, £1,500 (£1,500). This year expected to be similar in conditions and results to

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Slide at Liberty and a warning

By Michael Clark

Following a setback in interim profits at Liberty, the dealer in fabrics and carpets, the board has warned shareholders about prospects for the full year.

On sales up slightly from £9.2m to £9.9m pre-tax profits have slid from £933,000 to £551,000. An unchanged interim dividend of 1.13p gross has been declared.

The board expects therefore that group profits for 1978-79 will be less than those achieved in the corresponding period.

A breakdown of the figures shows that profits of the United Kingdom retailing side slipped from £414,000 to £253,000 while the losses from the rest of the EEC rose from £5,000 to £36,000. Converting and wholesaling retreated from £553,000 to £348,000 while the only improvement came from net rents from properties, with a rise from £34,000 to £36,000.

Wholesale sales continue to increase, particularly in the home market, but with lower margins of profit.

As forecast, retail sales to overseas visitors in London have declined. Sales and profits to the group's smaller branches in Manchester and Scotland show a healthy increase.

Briefly

TAVENER RUTLEDGE

Turnover for half-year to June 30, £3.3m (£2.2m). Pre-tax loss, £385,000 (profit, £156,000) after exceptional debit of £132,000 (nil). No interim payment, against 4.4p gross last time. Board taking all measures necessary to bring company back into profit as soon as possible.

HOME COUNTIES NEWS

County Bank has, through Kemp-Gee & Co, placed 315,000 shares in Home Counties Newspapers with institutional investors, thus reducing its holding from about 25 per cent to about 12 per cent.

ALEXANDERS HOLDINGS

A record half-year's trading is reported by Alexander Holdings, Scotland's largest Ford main dealer. Group profit before tax for the six months to end-March soared by £192,500 to a high-water mark of £238,000 compared with the £46,500 earned in the corresponding period last year. Turnover doubled to £21m. Chairman, Mr J. B. Louden, confidently predicts that when the full-year's figures are known, shareholders will be "gratified" with the results.

GERARD & NAT DISCOUNT

Gerard & Nat Discount and First International Money Markets of Chicago and New York have agreed to merge. The new company will operate on a world-wide basis in mutual association.

LLOYDS & SCOTCH-LOOKERS

Lloyds & Scottish has agreed to acquire for cash 1.57m shares (21.19 per cent) of Lookers, principally from Graylaw Holdings.

GOODMAN BROS

Group turnover of Goodman Brothers & Stockman rose to April 30, £10.5m (£9.83m). Pre-tax profit, £511,000 (£473,000). Gross dividend, 1.24p against equal to 1.13p.

BREEDON-LIME

Turnover of Breedon and Cloud Hill Lime Works rose from £1.37m to £1.53m for the year to July 31. Pre-tax profits up from £391,000 to £487,000. Interim dividend, gross, 2.68p, against equivalent of 1.7p.

Options

A third series of traded options in EMI is to be added to the two which will begin trading on Monday. The new class has an exercise price of 180p with expiry in November, February or May. The two other series, which were announced earlier this week, expire in the same months with an exercise price of 140p and 160p.

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Think ethnic

I hate the word 'ethnic'. Philip Howard hates it too, comparing it to the horrors of the word 'exotic'.

We all hate it, but can't think of anything else.

It has come to mean from some foreign part, like as not.

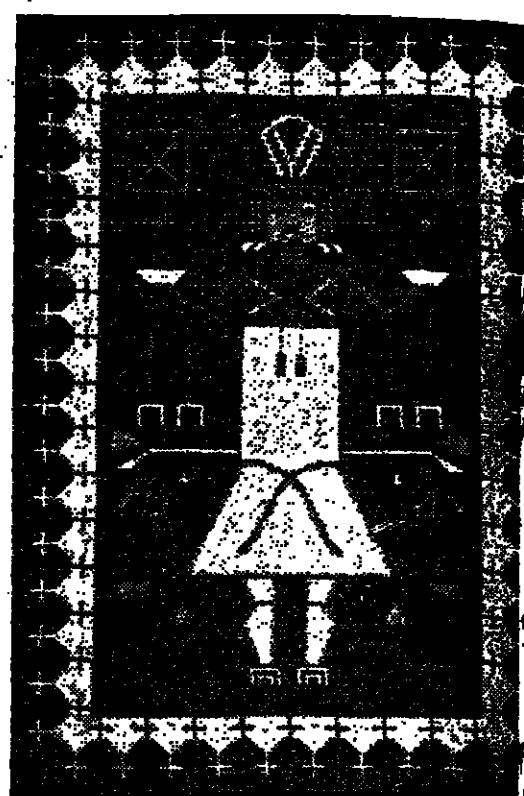
'Ethnic' will have to do. Like 'fink' we can't manage without it.

Philippa Toomey

Weekend

SHOP AROUND

Navajo Yei Rug, from Tribal Designs for Needlepoint, from the San Juan region of north-western New Mexico—this shows a participant in the Feather Dance, part of a sacred ceremony called the Night Chant.



Coming out of the Museum of Mankind (and you can't get more ethnic than that) I pondered on the fact that it would be unlikely to find in London Brazilian Indian feather earrings (marvellously bright colours, best seen with a brown skin and an amiable expression and not much else—also rare in London). But looking round it's just about the only thing unobtainable. There is an array of shops in London selling genuinely "ethnic" pieces, not specifically designed for the tourist trade, but carefully chosen for European tastes.

One of the newest of these is W. & J. Art of Africa, at 99 Essex Road, N1 just along from the unhappy humming grounds at Camden Passage. Here Serena Ponter has opened a shop with a price range from £4 to £150 of specially imported pieces from Africa, where her brother lives. The mask in the drawing is from Botswana and the more one looks at these carvings, the more one sees. Not only does this mask have carved sideburns, but also a marvellous set of teeth. There are pieces by the African sculptor Evaristo in wood, and other smaller carvings, bead necklaces, mats, and many covetable things. Closed Mondays and Thursdays, the shop usually opens at 11 am but you could telephone (359 7353).

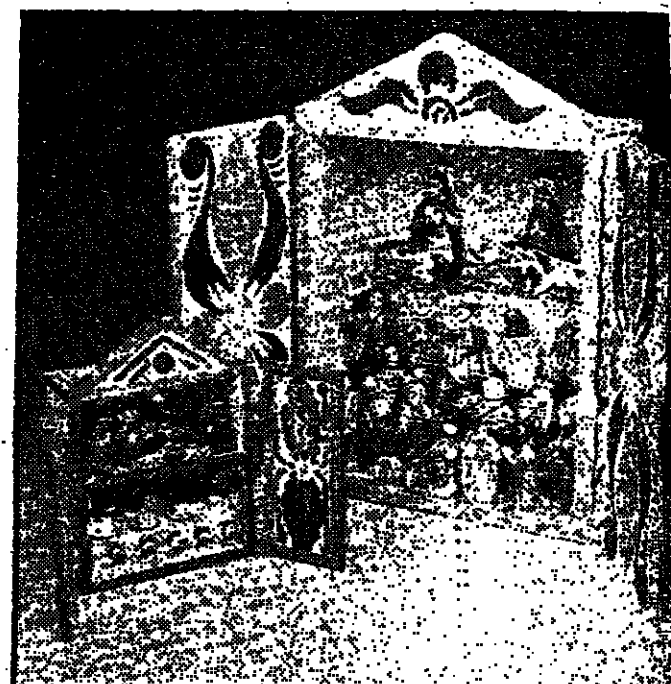
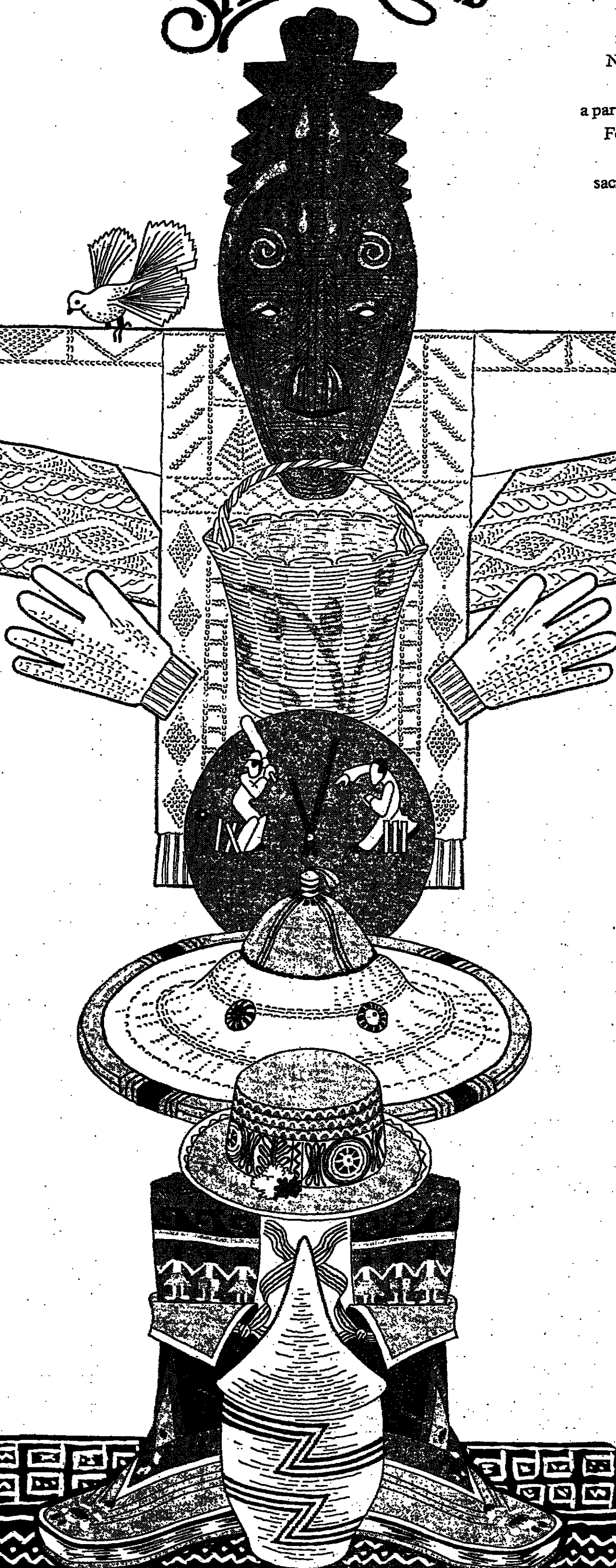
Frida, in Long Acre, just opposite Covent Garden underground station, is one of my favourite browsing holes—I rush there and refresh myself from time to time. Beautifully arranged on two floors, it has all the essential qualities of an art gallery, but is full of wonderful things from all parts of Africa, from sculpture and beautiful tapestries to baskets and beads. There is also fabric by the yard, or one could come away with something beautiful even if it were only an intricately carved wooden spoon. Peru is the one on the left by the Pacific (Brazil's on the right) and Inca, at 45 Elizabeth Street, SW1, specializes in Peruvian arts and crafts (they suggested "popular art" instead of ethnic, not quite right, and nor is "folk art" to my ears anything to do with folk has a horrid ring of Morris dancers clumping and banging about) but it's a lovely shop, with bright stinging pinks,

Yellows and greens they use together with such assurance, on baskets and clothes, contrasting with the colours of the pottery some of which is shown here.

Almost as bright were the boots in The Tibet Shop in Coptic Street, WC1, right by the British Museum, an interesting spot which sells some hefty looking woollen jackets and with a gesture towards the west, a bessean apron with a splendid Tibetan dragon on it in green and red at £195. Cheerfully coloured are the Dyakovo Russian figures, from Kiev—they started out as gods and goddesses, but in the 1830s became the local inhabitants' caricatures of the smart people exiled there—a series of Russian jokes, no less, do not miss them, they are few and far between, from the Russian shop at 278 High Holborn, WC1.

For the dragon fancier there is a Welsh dragon on a cork place mat at 50p from Workshop Wales, 69 Wigmore Street, W1, some splendidly resistant tweed from the Irish shop in Duke Street, W1—shown here are an Aran scarf and Aran gloves—there is even a Cornish shop—Cousin Jack's in Drury Lane, WC2, which will run you up a Cornish tea or sell you a fisherman's smock, £6.50. It is hardly possible to forget the Scots (perhaps after devolution) but the Scottish Merchant in New Row provided the marvellous Hebridean Guernsey, shown here, and you really cannot get more ethnic than that either.

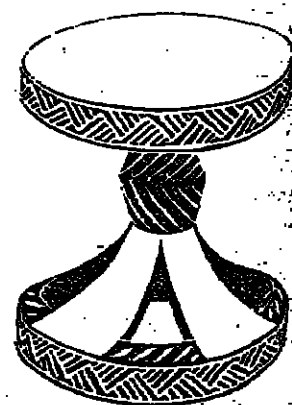
If you might wish to try to look ethnic, the Bookshop in the Museum of Mankind, 6 Burlington Gardens, W1, sold me a couple of patterned, one for a Syrian Dress, one for a Turkish Coat at £2.25 each, made by Folkwear, an enterprising American firm. At the moment they are expecting more stock, but would take orders for, in addition to those two, an Afghan dress, and a collection of children's clothes. Also at the museum I found Tribal Designs for Needlepoint (John Murray, £3.95), a splendid paperback with 30 original designs adapted from Eskimo, Polynesian and Indian (American) Art—one of which is shown here—all with graphs, and colour photographs. Once again, it is from America—perhaps the museum might think of compiling a similar book for itself? I asked one of the prettiest girls in the office where she got her ethnic dress and it was—Hampstead.



Top: Two Retablos from Peru—brightly coloured wooden nativities, the larger one £7.50, the smaller (which incorporates a secular hat shop) £5.50 from Inca. Above: One church, two Llamas £4.25 and £3.50 from Inca. Three from Kiev, the two ladies £2.50 each, the pig-riding gentleman £1.10 from the Russian Shop.

Illustration by Lynda Gray. Based rather loosely on an original idea by Bryn Campbell.

Carved stool from Cameroun, 2' high, 1' across, £29.95 from Frida.



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